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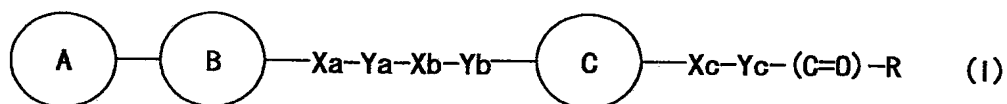
【Document】 SPECIFICATION

【Title of the Invention】 1,2-Azole Derivative

【What is Claimed is】

【Claim 1】 A compound represented by the formula

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wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

10 ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

15 are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-,
-S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³-
or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or
a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an
optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-
protecting group);

20 Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1
to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a
divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20
carbon atoms;

25 ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further
having 1 to 3 substituents;

30 R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are
the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an
optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an
optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶
form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an
optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),

provided that,

(1) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole, ring C is not thiadiazole or oxadiazole;

5 (2) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted pyridone; and

(3) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole and Xa and Xb are each a bond, ring C is not a benzene ring,

10 or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

[claim 2] The compound of claim 1, wherein the ring represented by ring A is an aromatic ring.

[claim 3] The compound of claim 2, wherein the aromatic ring is a benzene ring or a pyridine ring.

15 [claim 4] The compound of claim 1, wherein the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole.

[claim 5] The compound of claim 1, wherein the substituent that ring B is optionally further having is a hydrocarbon group.

20 [claim 6] The compound of claim 1, wherein the substituent that ring B is optionally further having is an alkoxy group.

[claim 7] The compound of claim 1, wherein Ya is C₁₋₆ alkylene or C₂₋₆ alkenylene.

[claim 8] The compound of claim 1, wherein Xb is -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, and R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group).

30 [claim 9] The compound of claim 1, wherein the monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C is a benzene ring.

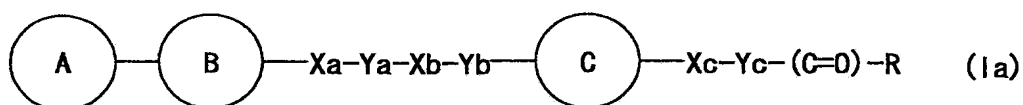
[claim 10] The compound of claim 1, wherein the monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C is pyrazole.

[claim 11] The compound of claim 1, wherein R represents -OR⁴
35 (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon

group).

[claim 12] A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

[claim 13] An agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-,
-S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³-
or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or
a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an
optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-
protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1
to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

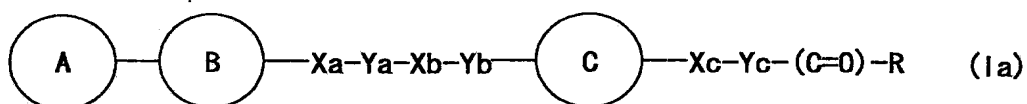
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carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further
having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are
the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an
optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an
optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶

form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

5 【claim 14】 An agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

10 ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

15 are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

20 Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

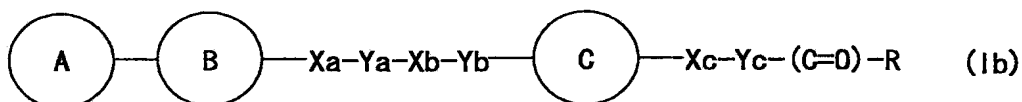
25 are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

30 R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶

form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

5 [claim 15] An agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of arteriosclerosis, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

10 ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

15 are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-,
-S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³-
or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or
a hydroxy-protecting group, and R³ is a hydrogen atom,
an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an
20 amino-protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1
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Yb and Yc

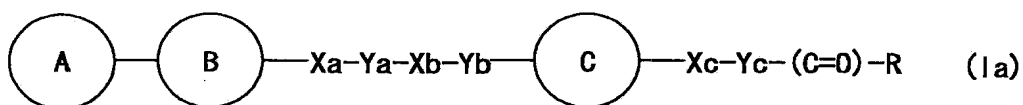
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carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further
having 1 to 3 substituents;

30 R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are
the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an
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optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶

form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), provided that, when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted pyridone, or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

【claim 16】 An agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of impaired glucose tolerance, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

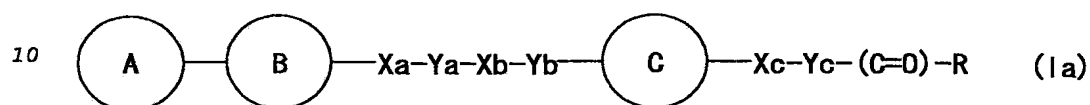
are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are

the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶ form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),
or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

[claim 17] A retinoid-related receptor function regulating agent, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

15 Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

20 Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

25 Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

30 ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

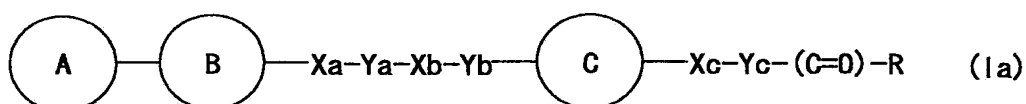
R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an

optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶ form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),
5 or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

【claim 18】 The agent of claim 17, which is a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor ligand.

【claim 19】 The agent of claim 17, which is a retinoid X receptor ligand.

10 【claim 20】 An insulin resistance improving agent, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

15 ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-,
20 -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³-
or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-
25 protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

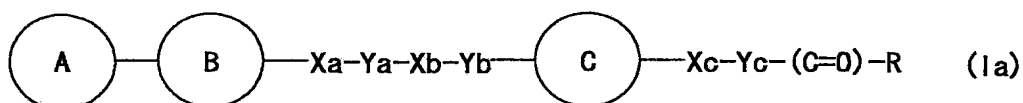
Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a
30 divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R^5 and R^6 form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

【claim 21】 A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes in a mammal, which comprises administering a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CR^1(OR^2)-$, $-NR^3-$, $-CONR^3-$ or $-NR^3CO-$ (R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

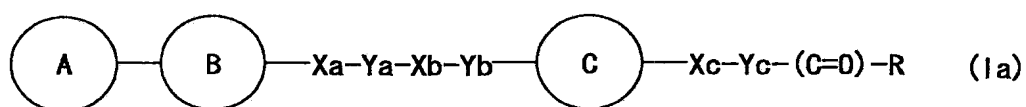
are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R^5 and R^6 form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),

or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof to the mammal.

[claim 22] Use of a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CR^1(OR^2)-$, $-NR^3-$, $-CONR^3-$ or $-NR^3CO-$ (R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are

the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶ form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, for the production of an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes mellitus.

【Detailed Description of the Invention】

10 【Technical Field to which the Invention pertains】

The present invention relates to a 1,2-azole derivative having an excellent hypoglycemic action and hypolipidemic action, which is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, impaired glucose tolerance and the like.

15 【Prior Art】

Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma (PPAR_γ), a member of the intranuclear hormone receptor superfamily, which is typically exemplified by steroid hormone receptors and thyroid hormone receptors, plays an important role as a master regulator in the differentiation of adipocytes with its expression induced in the very early stage of adipocyte differentiation. PPAR_γ forms a dimer with the retinoid X receptor (RXR) by binding to a ligand, and binds to a responsive site of the target gene in the nucleus to directly control (activate) transcription efficiency. In recent years, the possibility that 15-deoxy-Δ^{12,14} prostaglandin J₂, a metabolite of prostaglandin D₂, serves as an endogenous ligand for PPAR_γ, has been suggested, and it has been shown that a class of insulin sensitivity enhancers, typically exemplified by thiazolidinedione derivatives, possess ligand activity for PPAR_γ, and that its potency is proportional to its hypoglycemic action or adipocyte differentiation-promoting action (e.g., see non-patent references 1-3). Furthermore, in recent years, it has been shown that 1) PPAR_γ is expressed in cultured cells

of human liposarcoma origin, whose proliferation is ceased by the addition of a PPAR γ ligand (e.g., see non-patent reference 4), 2) nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, typically exemplified by indomethacin and fenoprofen, have PPAR γ ligand activity (e.g., see non-patent reference 5), 3) PPAR γ is expressed at high levels in activated macrophages, with the transcription of a gene involved in inflammation inhibited by the addition of a ligand therefor (e.g., see non-patent reference 6), 4) PPAR γ ligands suppress the production of inflammatory cytokines (TNF α , IL-1 β , IL-6) by monocytes (e.g., see non-patent reference 7), 5) hypertrophy of adipocyte, accumulation of lipid and expression of insulin resistance are suppressed in PPAR γ hetero deficient mouse (e.g., see non-patent reference 8), 6) PPAR γ ligand inhibits differentiation of 10T1/2 cells to adipocytes by PPAR γ agonist (e.g., see non-patent reference 9), 7) PPAR γ ligand suppresses differentiation of 3T3-L1 cells to adipocytes by PPAR γ agonist (e.g., see non-patent reference 10) and the like.

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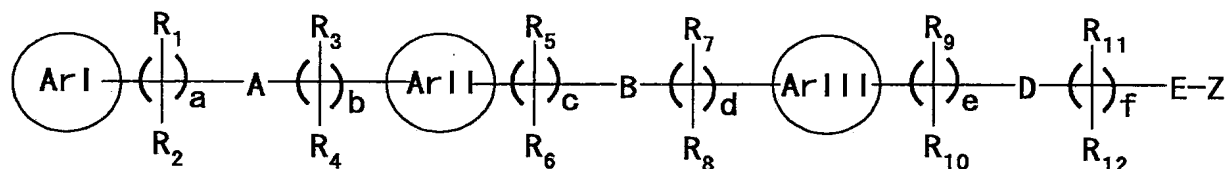
Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor delta (PPAR δ) is a member of the intranuclear hormone receptor PPAR family, forms a dimer with a retinoid X receptor (RXR) by ligand binding as in other PPAR families, and binds with a responsive element located upstream of the target gene in nucleus, thereby directly controlling transcription efficiency. As the ligand of PPAR δ , longchain fatty acids and carbaprostacyclin can be mentioned; however, a target gene specific to PPAR δ has not been identified as yet. PPAR δ shows ubiquitous expression, but shows particularly strong expression in gut, kidney and heart. As regards PPAR δ , it has been reported that PPAR δ shows differentiation-promoting effect on mouse preadipocytes (e.g., see non-patent references 11-13); it shows UCP-2 and UCP-3 expression-promoting effect on rat and human skeletal muscle cells (e.g., see non-patent references 14, 15); it shows differentiation-promoting effect on oligodendrocytes (e.g.,

see non-patent references 16, 17); it shows HDL-C increasing effect in db/db mouse (e.g., see non-patent reference 18); it shows HDL-C increasing effect and LDL-C, VLDL and TG-lowering effect in obesity Rhesus monkey; and it shows promoting effect on cholesterol transport of human monocyte THP-1 cells via ApoA1 (e.g., see non-patent reference 19). Moreover, it has been reported that PPAR δ is involved in colon cancer (e.g., see non-patent references 20, 21), embryo implantation during gestation (e.g., see non-patent reference 22), bone resorption in osteoclasts (e.g., see non-patent reference 23), apoptosis in inflammation (e.g., see non-patent reference 24), and regulation of type 2 acyl-CoA synthetase in brain (e.g., see non-patent reference 25).

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As PPAR ligands, the following compounds are known.

(1) As a PPAR receptor ligand, a compound represented by the formula

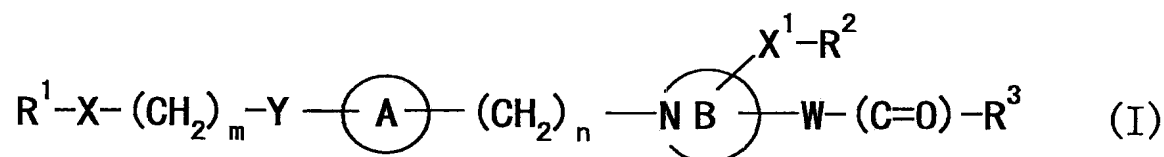


wherein

ArI , ArII and ArIII are independently aryl and the

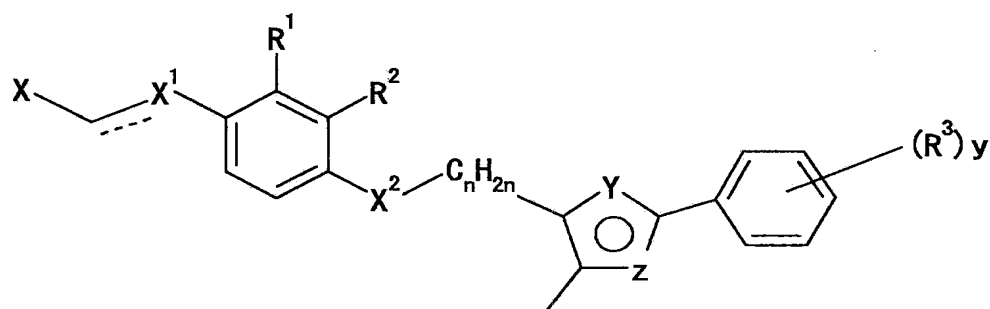
like; A is -O- and the like; B is -O- and the like; D is -O- and the like; E is a bond or ethylene group; a, b, c and e are each 0-4; d is 0-5; f is 0-6; R₁, R₃, R₅, R₇, R₉ and R₁₁ are independently hydrogen and the like; R₂, R₄, R₆, R₈, R₁₀ and R₁₂ are independently -(CH)_q-X; q is 0-3; X is hydrogen and the like; Z is R₂₁O₂C- and the like; and R₂₁ is hydrogen and the like has been reported (see patent reference 1).

(2) As a retinoid-related receptor function regulator, a compound represented by the formula



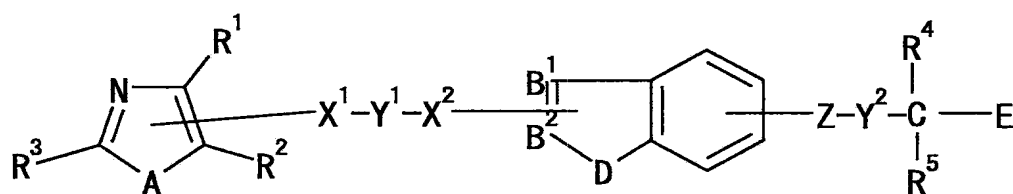
wherein R^1 is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group; X is a bond, O, S, -CO-, -CS-, -CR⁴(OR⁵)- or -NR⁶- (R^4 and R^6 are each a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R^5 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group); m is 0-3; Y is O, S, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁷-, -CONR⁷- or -NR⁷CO- (R^7 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group); ring A is an aromatic ring which may further have 1 to 3 substituents; n is 1-8; ring B is a nitrogen-containing 5-membered heterocyclic ring which may be further substituted by alkyl group; X^1 is a bond, O, S, -SO-, -SO₂-, -O-SO₂- or -NR¹⁶- (R^{16} is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group); R^2 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group; W is a bond or a C1-20 divalent hydrocarbon residue; and R^3 is -OR⁸ (R^8 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁹R¹⁰ (R^9 and R^{10} are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted acyl group, or R^9 and R^{10} are bonded to each other to form a ring) has been reported (see patent reference 2).

(3) As a selective activator of human PPAR δ , a compound represented by the formula



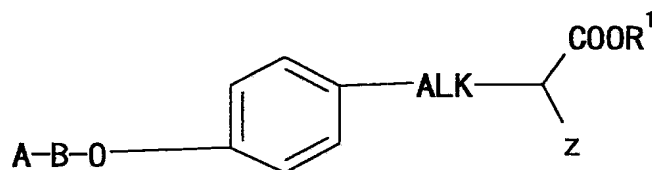
wherein X is COOH or a tetrazolyl group; X¹ is NH, NCH₃, O, S, a bond and the like; X² is O or S; R¹ and R² are independently H, CH₃, OCH₃ or a halogen; n is 1 or 2; one of Y and Z is N and the other is S or O; y is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5; and R³ is CF₃ or a halogen (see patent reference 3).

(4) As a PPARδ activator, a compound represented by the formula



wherein A is O, S and the like; R¹, R² and R³ are each a hydrogen atom, C1-8 alkyl, C6-10 aryl group which may have substituents and the like; X¹ and X² are O, S and the like; Y¹ is a C1-8 alkylene chain which may have substituents; B¹ is CW¹ (W¹ is a hydrogen atom and the like) or N; B² is CW² (W² is a hydrogen atom and the like) or N; D is O, S and the like; Z is O or S; Y² is a C1-4 alkylene chain or a bond; R⁴ and R⁵ are each a hydrogen atom and the like; and E is a carboxyl group, a C2-8 alkoxy carbonyl group and the like, has been reported (see patent reference 4).

(5) As a PPARγ agonist, a compound represented by the formula

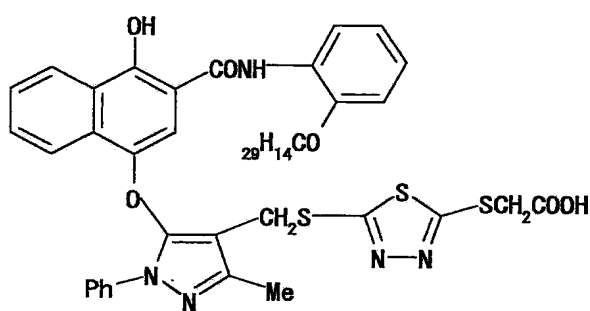


wherein A is a phenyl optionally substituted by a substituent

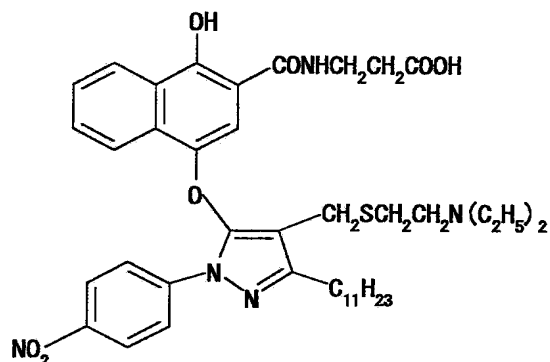
selected from a halogen atom, C1-6 alkyl, C1-3 alkoxy, C1-3 fluoroalkoxy and the like, a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic group containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, N and S and the like; B is C1-6 alkylene, -MC1-6 alkylene (M is O, S and the like), a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen heteroatom and at least one heteroatom selected from O, N and S, which is optionally substituted by C1-3 alkyl, Het-C1-6 alkylene (Het is a heterocyclic group) and the like; ALK is C1-3 alkylene; R¹ is a hydrogen atom or C1-3 alkyl; Z is -(C1-3 alkylene)phenyl in which phenyl may be substituted by halogen atom and the like, has been reported (see patent reference 5).

In the meantime, as a 1,2-azole derivative, the following compounds are known.

- (6) As a bleach accelerator releasing compound used for color photosensitive materials, the following compounds have been reported (see patent reference 6).

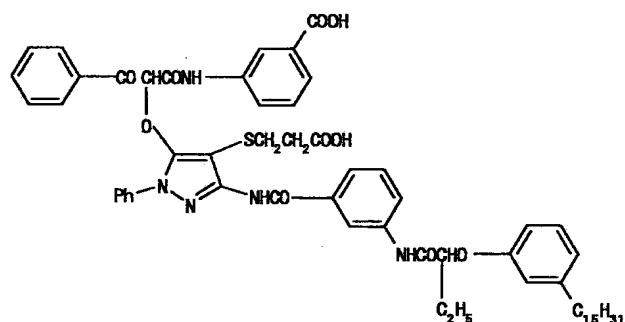


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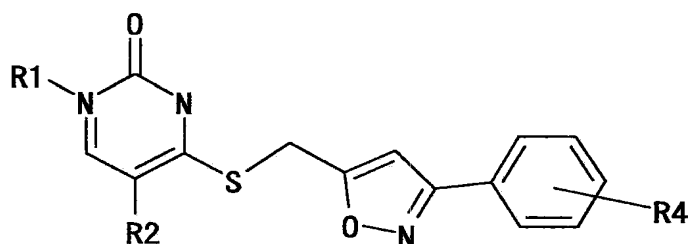
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- (7) As a bleach accelerator releasing compound used for color photosensitive materials, the following compounds have been reported (see patent reference 7).

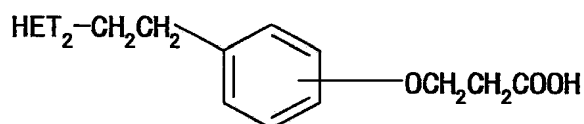
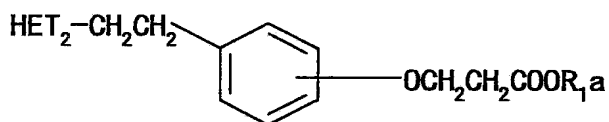


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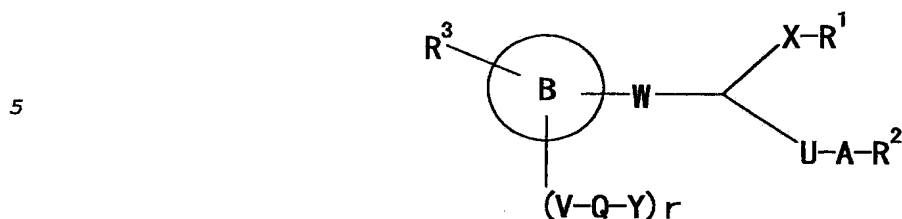
$$\text{HET}_2-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OCH}_2\text{COOR}_1$$


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the like, has been reported (see patent reference 9).

(10) As a therapeutic agent of cardiovascular diseases, a compound represented by the formula



wherein B is C6-10 aryl or a heterocyclic ring containing 1 to 9 carbon atoms and up to 3 heteroatoms; r is 0 or 1; V is void or O and the like; Q is void, O or saturated or unsaturated alkylene and the like; Y is a hydrogen atom and the like; R³ is
10 a hydrogen atom, halogen and the like; W is alkylene and the like; U is alkylene and the like; A is void or C6-10 aryl or an aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 1 to 9 carbon atoms and up to 3 heteroatoms; R² is CN, tetrazolyl, COOR²⁶ or CONR²⁷R²⁸ (R²⁶, R²⁷ and R²⁸ are each a hydrogen atom and the
15 like); X is alkylene and the like; R¹ is CN, tetrazolyl, COOR³⁵ or CONR³⁶R³⁷ (R³⁵, R³⁶ and R³⁷ are each a hydrogen atom and the like) has been reported (see patent reference 10).

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 【0006】

 【Problems to be Solved by the Invention】

35 There is a demand for development of a 1,2-azole

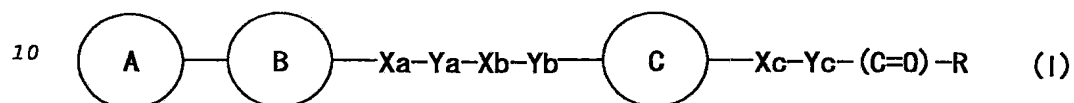
derivative useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, impaired glucose tolerance etc., and having pharmaceutically excellent properties such as low side effects, etc.

5 **[0007]**

[Means of Solving the Problems]

The present invention relates to

1) a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

15 Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-,
-S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³-
or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or
20 a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an
optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-
protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1
to 20 carbon atoms;

25 Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a
divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20
carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further
30 having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are
the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an

- optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶ form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),
5 provided that,
(1) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole, ring C is not thiadiazole or oxadiazole;
(2) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted
10 pyridone; and
(3) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole and Xa and Xb are each a bond, ring C is not a benzene ring,
or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,
15 2) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the ring represented by ring A is an aromatic ring,
3) the compound of the aforementioned 2), wherein the aromatic ring is a benzene ring or a pyridine ring,
4) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the 1,2-
20 azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole,
5) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the substituent that ring B is optionally further having is a hydrocarbon group,
6) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the
25 substituent that ring B is optionally further having is an alkoxy group,
7) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein Ya is C₁₋₆ alkylene or C₂₋₆ alkenylene,
8) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein Xb is -O-,
30 -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, and R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group),
35 9) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the

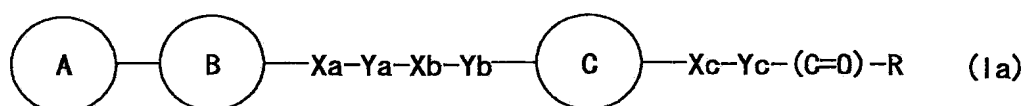
monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C is a benzene ring,

10) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein the monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C is pyrazole,

5 11) the compound of the aforementioned 1), wherein R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group),

12) a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of the aforementioned 1) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

10 13) an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

15 ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

20 are the same or different and each is a bond, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CR^1(OR^2)-$, $-NR^3-$, $-CONR^3-$ or $-NR^3CO-$ (R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

25 Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

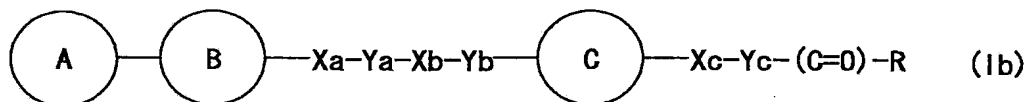
30 are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R^5 and R^6 form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring), or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

14) an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia, which comprises a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

15) an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of arteriosclerosis, which comprises a compound represented by the formula



wherein

ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3 substituents;

ring B is a 1,2-azole ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

Xa, Xb and Xc

are the same or different and each is a bond, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CO-$, $-CS-$, $-CR^1(OR^2)-$, $-NR^3-$, $-CONR^3-$ or $-NR^3CO-$ (R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, and R^3 is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group);

Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

Yb and Yc

are the same or different and each is a bond or a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20

carbon atoms;

ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring optionally further having 1 to 3 substituents;

R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or -NR⁵R⁶ (R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁵ and R⁶ form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring),

provided that, when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted pyridone,

or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

16) an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of impaired glucose tolerance, which comprises a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

17) a retinoid-related receptor function regulating agent, which comprises a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

18) the agent of the aforementioned 17), which is a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor ligand,

19) the agent of the aforementioned 17), which is a retinoid X receptor ligand,

20) an insulin resistance improving agent, which comprises a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

21) a method for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes in a mammal, which comprises administering to the mammal a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof,

22) use of a compound represented by the formula (Ia) or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof, for the production of an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes, and the like.

【0008】

The definition of each symbol in the formulas (I), (Ia) and (Ib) is explained in detail in the following.

As the ring represented by ring A, for example, aromatic
5 rings such as aromatic hydrocarbon, aromatic heterocyclic ring and the like; and non-aromatic rings such as alicyclic hydrocarbon, non-aromatic heterocyclic ring and the like can be mentioned.

As the aromatic hydrocarbon, for example, aromatic
10 hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms can be mentioned. As preferable examples of the aromatic hydrocarbon, benzene, naphthalene, anthracene, phenanthrene, acenaphthylene, indene and the like can be mentioned. Of these, benzene, naphthalene and the like are preferable.

15 As the aromatic heterocyclic ring, for example, a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring which contains, besides carbon atom, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom as ring-constituting atom, or condensed aromatic heterocyclic ring can
20 be mentioned. As the condensed aromatic heterocyclic ring, for example, a ring wherein the above-mentioned 5- to 7-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring and a 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, a benzene ring or a 5-membered ring containing one sulfur atom are condensed, and
25 the like can be mentioned.

Preferable examples of the aromatic heterocyclic ring include furan, thiophene, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, pyrazine, pyrrole, imidazole, pyrazole, isoxazole, isothiazole, oxazole, thiazole, oxadiazole, thiadiazole,
30 triazole, tetrazole, quinoline, quinazolin, quinoxaline, benzofuran, benzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole, indole, 1H-indazole, 1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyrazine, 1H-pyrrolopyridine, 1H-imidazopyridine, 1H-imidazopyrazine, triazine, isoquinoline, benzothiadiazole and the like.

35 The aromatic heterocyclic ring is preferably a 5- or 6-

membered aromatic heterocyclic ring, more preferably furan, thiophene, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrazole, oxazole, thiazole and the like.

【0009】

5 As the alicyclic hydrocarbon, a saturated or unsaturated alicyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 12 carbon atoms, for example, cycloalkane, cycloalkene, cycloalkadiene and the like can be mentioned.

 Preferable examples of cycloalkane include cycloalkane
10 having 3 to 10 carbon atoms such as cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, cycloheptane, cyclooctane, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, bicyclo[3.2.1]octane, bicyclo[3.2.2]nonane, bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane, bicyclo[4.2.1]nonane,
15 bicyclo[4.3.1]decane and the like.

 Preferable examples of cycloalkene include cycloalkene having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as cyclopentene, cyclohexene and the like.

 Preferable examples of cycloalkadiene include
20 cycloalkadiene having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, such as 2,4-cyclopentadiene, 2,4-cyclohexadiene, 2,5-cyclohexadiene and the like.

 As the non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, for example, a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic ring which
25 contains, besides carbon atom, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom as ring-constituting atom, or condensed non-aromatic heterocyclic ring can be mentioned. As the condensed non-aromatic heterocyclic ring, for example, a ring wherein the above-mentioned 5- to 7-
30 membered monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic ring and a 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, a benzene ring or a 5-membered ring containing one sulfur atom are condensed, and the like can be mentioned.

 Preferable examples of the non-aromatic heterocyclic ring
35 include pyrrolidine, pyrroline, pyrazolidine, piperidine,

piperazine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, hexamethyleneimine, oxazolidine, thiazolidine, imidazolidine, imidazoline, tetrahydrofuran, azepane, tetrahydropyridine and the like.

5 The ring represented by ring A is preferably an aromatic ring such as aromatic hydrocarbon, aromatic heterocyclic ring and the like, more preferably an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring. Of these, benzene, pyridine and the like are preferable.

10 **【0010】**

 The ring represented by ring A may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions. As the substituent, for example, "halogen atom", "nitro group", "cyano group", "optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group",
15 "optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", "optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", "optionally substituted aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group", "optionally substituted heterocyclic group", "optionally substituted acyl group", "optionally substituted amino group",
20 "optionally substituted hydroxy group", "optionally substituted thiol group", "optionally esterified or amidated carboxyl group" and the like can be mentioned.

 As the "halogen atom", fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine can be mentioned. Of these, fluorine and chlorine are
25 preferable.

 As the aliphatic hydrocarbon group of the "optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group", a straight-chain or branched aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 15 carbon atoms are preferable. As the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, for
30 example, alkyl group, alkenyl group, alkynyl group and the like can be mentioned.

 Preferable examples of alkyl group include alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec.-butyl, t.-butyl, pentyl,
35 isopentyl, neopentyl, 1-ethylpropyl, hexyl, isohexyl, 1,1-

dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl and the like.

Preferable examples of alkenyl group include alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms such as ethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 2-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, 1-pentenyl, 2-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 4-pentenyl, 4-methyl-3-pentenyl, 1-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, 5-hexenyl, 1-heptenyl, 1-octenyl and the like.

Preferable examples of alkynyl group include alkynyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, such as ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-butyne, 2-butyne, 3-butyne, 1-pentyne, 2-pentyne, 3-pentyne, 4-pentyne, 1-hexynyl, 2-hexynyl, 3-hexynyl, 4-hexynyl, 5-hexynyl, 1-heptynyl, 1-octynyl and the like.

[0011]

As the substituent of the "optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group", for example, halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); sulfo group; cyano group; azido group; nitro group; nitroso group; cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms; aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl etc.); non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., tetrahydrofuryl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperidino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl); amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted by a substituent selected from alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group); amidino group; acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group); carbamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; sulfamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; carboxyl group; alkoxy-carbonyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms; hydroxy group; alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon

atoms; aryloxy group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyloxy, naphthyloxy); thiol group; alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); aralkylthio group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; arylthio group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenylthio, naphthylthio) and the like can be mentioned. The number of substituent is, for example, 1 to 3.

【0012】

As the alicyclic hydrocarbon group of the "an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", saturated or unsaturated alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms is preferable. As the alicyclic hydrocarbon group, for example, cycloalkyl group, cycloalkenyl group, cycloalkadienyl group and the like can be mentioned.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkyl group include cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl and the like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkenyl group include cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as 1-cyclopentenyl, 2-cyclopentenyl, 3-cyclopentenyl, 1-cyclohexenyl, 2-cyclohexenyl, 3-cyclohexenyl, 1-cycloheptenyl, 2-cycloheptenyl, 3-cycloheptenyl and the like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkadienyl group include cycloalkadienyl group having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, such as 2,4-cycloheptadienyl and the like.

【0013】

As the aromatic hydrocarbon group of the "an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms is preferable. As the aryl group, for example, phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl, phenanthryl, acenaphthylene and the like can be mentioned. Of these, phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl and the like are preferable.

As the aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group of the "an

optionally substituted aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group", aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms is preferable. As the aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group, for example, aralkyl group, arylalkenyl group and the like can be mentioned.

Preferable examples of the aralkyl group include aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms, such as benzyl, phenethyl, naphthylmethyl, benzhydryl and the like.

Preferable examples of the arylalkenyl group include arylalkenyl group having 8 to 13 carbon atoms, such as styryl and the like.

As the heterocyclic group of the "optionally substituted heterocyclic group", for example, a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic group which contains, besides carbon atom, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom as ring-constituting atom, or condensed heterocyclic group can be mentioned. As the condensed heterocyclic group, for example, a group wherein the above-mentioned 5- to 7-membered monocyclic heterocyclic group is condensed with a 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, a benzene ring or a 5-membered ring containing one sulfur atom and the like can be mentioned.

Specific examples of the heterocyclic group include aromatic heterocyclic groups such as furyl (2-furyl, 3-furyl), thienyl (2-thienyl, 3-thienyl), pyrrolyl (1-pyrrolyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl), imidazolyl (1-imidazolyl, 2-imidazolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 5-imidazolyl), pyrazolyl (1-pyrazolyl, 3-pyrazolyl, 4-pyrazolyl), isoxazolyl (3-isoxazolyl, 4-isoxazolyl, 5-isoxazolyl), isothiazolyl (3-isothiazolyl, 4-isothiazolyl, 5-isothiazolyl), thiazolyl (2-thiazolyl, 4-thiazolyl, 5-thiazolyl), oxazolyl (2-oxazolyl, 4-oxazolyl, 5-oxazolyl), oxadiazolyl (1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl, 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl), thiadiazolyl (1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl), triazolyl (1,2,4-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-2-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-4-yl),

tetrazolyl (tetrazol-1-yl, tetrazol-5-yl), pyridyl (2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl), pyrimidinyl (2-pyrimidinyl, 4-pyrimidinyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, 6-pyrimidinyl), pyridazinyl (3-pyridazinyl, 4-pyridazinyl), pyrazinyl (2-pyrazinyl), quinolyl
5 (2-quinolyl, 3-quinolyl, 4-quinolyl), quinazolyl (2-quinazolyl, 4-quinazolyl), quinoxalyl (2-quinoxalyl), benzoxazolyl (2-benzoxazolyl), benzothiazolyl (2-benzothiazolyl), benzimidazolyl (benzimidazol-1-yl, benzimidazol-2-yl), indolyl (indol-1-yl, indol-3-yl),
10 indazolyl (1H-indazol-3-yl), pyrrolopyrazinyl (1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyrazin-2-yl), pyrrolopyridinyl (1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-6-yl), imidazopyridinyl (1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl, 1H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-2-yl), imidazopyrazinyl (1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyrazin-2-yl), benzotriazolyl (benzotriazol-1-yl) and the
15 like; non-aromatic heterocyclic groups such as pyrrolidinyl (1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl, 3-pyrrolidinyl), imidazolidinyl (2-imidazolidinyl, 4-imidazolidinyl), pyrazolidinyl (2-pyrazolidinyl, 3-pyrazolidinyl, 4-pyrazolidinyl), thiazolidinyl (thiazolidin-3-yl), oxazolidinyl
20 (oxazolidin-3-yl), piperidino, morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperazinyl (1-piperazinyl), hexamethyleneiminyl (hexamethyleneimin-1-yl) and the like.

[0014]

As the substituent of the aforementioned "optionally
25 substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", "optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", "optionally substituted aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group" and "optionally substituted heterocyclic group", for example, halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
30 sulfo group; cyano group; azido group; nitro group; nitroso group; alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); alkenyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g.,
35 fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); cycloalkyl group having

3 to 10 carbon atoms; aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl, naphthyl etc.); aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl etc.); non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., tetrahydrofuryl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperidino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl etc.); aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; amino group which may be mono- or di- substituted by a substituent selected from alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group etc.); amidino group; acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group etc.); carbamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; sulfamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; carboxyl group; alkoxycarbonyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms; hydroxy group; alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; aryloxy group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyloxy, naphthyloxy etc.); thiol group; alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); aralkylthio group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; arylthio group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenylthio, naphthylthio etc.) and the like can be mentioned. The number of substituent is, for example, 1 to 3.

【0015】

The acyl group of the "optionally substituted acyl group" is exemplified by an acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms, which is specifically formyl, a group represented by the formula: $-\text{COR}^7$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^7$, $-\text{SOR}^7$ or $-\text{PO}_3\text{R}^7\text{R}^8$ [wherein R^7 and R^8 are the same or different and each is hydrocarbon group or heterocyclic group, or R^7 and R^8 may form a heterocyclic ring together with the adjacent oxo-substituted phosphorus atom and two oxygen atoms] and the like.

As the hydrocarbon group represented by R^7 or R^8 , for example, aliphatic hydrocarbon group, alicyclic hydrocarbon group, aromatic hydrocarbon group, aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group and the like can be mentioned.

5 As these aliphatic hydrocarbon group, alicyclic hydrocarbon group, aromatic hydrocarbon group and aromatic aliphatic hydrocarbon group, those exemplified as the substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

The hydrocarbon group is preferably alkyl group having 1
10 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms and the like.

15 As the heterocyclic group represented by R^7 or R^8 , those exemplified as the substituent for ring A can be mentioned. The heterocyclic group is preferably thienyl, furyl, pyridyl and the like.

【0016】

20 As the heterocyclic ring formed by R^7 and R^8 together with the adjacent oxo-substituted phosphorus atom and two oxygen atoms, for example, a 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which contains, besides carbon atom, oxo-substituted phosphorus atom and two oxygen atoms and optionally 1 or 2
25 heteroatoms selected from oxygen atom, nitrogen atom and sulfur atom as ring-constituting atom and the like can be mentioned. Specific examples of the heterocyclic ring include 2-oxide-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane, 2-oxide-1,3,2-dioxaphospholane and the like.

30 【0017】

Preferable examples of the acyl group include an alkanoyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, pivaloyl, hexanoyl, heptanoyl, octanoyl), an alkenoyl group having 3 to 10 carbon
35 atoms (e.g., crotonyl), a cycloalkanoyl group having 4 to 10

carbon atoms (e.g., cyclobutanecarbonyl, cyclopentanecarbonyl, cyclohexanecarbonyl, cycloheptanecarbonyl), a cycloalkenoyl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., 2-cyclohexenecarbonyl), an arylcarbonyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzoyl), an aromatic heterocyclic carbonyl group (e.g., nicotinoyl, isonicotinoyl), alkylsulfinyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl), an alkylsulfonyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms (e.g., methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl), a (mono- or di-alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms)phosphono group optionally forming a ring (e.g., dimethylphosphono, diethylphosphono, diisopropylphosphono, dibutylphosphono, 2-oxide-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinanyl) and the like.

[0018]

The acyl group may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions, and as such substituent, for example, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a nitro group, a hydroxy group, an amino group and the like can be mentioned.

[0019]

As the "optionally substituted amino group", an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted by a substituent selected from, for example, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, a cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms and an acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms can be mentioned.

As these alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl

group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms and acyl group having 1 to 13
5 carbon atoms, those exemplified as the substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

【0020】

Examples of the substituted amino group include mono- or di-C₁₋₁₀ alkylamino (e.g., methylamino, dimethylamino,
10 ethylamino, diethylamino, ethylmethylamino, propylamino, dibutylamino), mono- or di-C₂₋₁₀ alkenylamino (e.g., diallylamino), mono- or di-C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkylamino (e.g., cyclohexylamino), mono- or di-C₂₋₁₀ alkanoylamino (e.g., acetylamino, propionylamino), arylcarbonylamino group having 7
15 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzoylamino), arylamino having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenylamino), N-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-N-C₆₋₁₄ arylamino (e.g., N-methyl-N-phenylamino) and the like.

【0021】

As the "optionally substituted hydroxy group", for
20 example, a hydroxy group which may be substituted by an "alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group
25 having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" or "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms", each of which may be substituted, can be mentioned.

As these "alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group
30 having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" and "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms", those exemplified as the substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

35 These "alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl

group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" and "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms" may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions. As such substituents, for example, a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group and the like can be mentioned.

【0022】

As the substituted hydroxy group, for example, an alkoxy group, an alkenyloxy group, a cycloalkyloxy group, a cycloalkenyloxy group, an aryloxy group, an aralkyloxy group, an acyloxy group and the like, each of which may be substituted, can be mentioned.

Preferable examples of the alkoxy group include an alkoxy group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, such as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, isobutoxy, sec.-butoxy, t.-butoxy, pentyloxy, isopentyloxy, neopentyloxy, hexyloxy, heptyloxy, nonyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the alkenyloxy group include an alkenyloxy group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, such as allyloxy, crotyloxy, 2-pentenyloxy, 3-hexenyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkyloxy group include a cycloalkyloxy group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as cyclobutoxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkenyloxy group include a cycloalkenyloxy group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as 2-cyclopentenyloxy, 2-cyclohexenyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the aryloxy group include an aryloxy group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, such as phenoxy, naphthyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the aralkyloxy group include an

aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms, such as benzyloxy, phenethyloxy, naphthylmethyloxy and the like.

Preferable examples of the acyloxy group include an acyloxy group having 2 to 13 carbon atoms, such as an
5 alkanoyloxy having 2 to 4 carbon atoms (e.g., acetyloxy, propionyloxy, butyryloxy, isobutyryloxy etc.) and the like.

【0023】

The above-mentioned alkoxy group, alkenyloxy group, cycloalkyloxy group, cycloalkenyloxy group, aryloxy group,
10 aralkyloxy group and acyloxy group may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions. Examples of such substituent include a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms
15 (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group and the like.

【0024】

As the optionally substituted thiol group, for example, a thiol group which may be substituted by an "alkyl group having
20 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" or "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms",
25 each of which may be substituted, can be mentioned.

As used herein, as the "alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14
30 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" and "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms", those exemplified as the substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

These "alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms", "alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkyl group having 3
35 to 10 carbon atoms", "cycloalkenyl group having 3 to 10 carbon

atoms", "aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms", "aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms" and "acyl group having 1 to 13 carbon atoms" may have 1 to 3 substituent(s) at substitutable positions. As such substituents, for example, a
5 halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group and the like can be mentioned.

10 **【0025】**

As the substituted thiol group, for example, an alkylthio group, an alkenylthio group, a cycloalkylthio group, a cycloalkenylthio group, an arylthio group, an aralkylthio group, an acylthio group and the like, each of which may be
15 substituted, can be mentioned.

Preferable examples of the alkylthio group include an alkylthio group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, such as methylthio, ethylthio, propylthio, isopropylthio, butylthio, isobutylthio, sec.-butylthio, t.-butylthio, pentylthio,
20 isopentylthio, neopentylthio, hexylthio, heptylthio, nonylthio and the like.

Preferable examples of the alkenylthio group include an alkenylthio group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, such as allylthio, crotylthio, 2-pentenylthio, 3-hexenylthio and the
25 like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkylthio group include a cycloalkylthio group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio and the like.

Preferable examples of the cycloalkenylthio group include
30 a cycloalkenylthio group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, such as 2-cyclopentenylthio, 2-cyclohexenylthio and the like.

Preferable examples of the arylthio group include an arylthio group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, such as phenylthio, naphthylthio and the like.

35 Preferable examples of the aralkylthio group include an

aralkylthio group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms, such as benzylthio, phenethylthio, naphthylmethylthio and the like.

Preferable examples of the acylthio group include an acylthio group having 2 to 13 carbon atoms, such as
5 alkanoylthio group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms (e.g., acetylthio, propionylthio, butyrylthio, isobutyrylthio etc.) and the like.

【0026】

The above-mentioned alkylthio group, alkenylthio group,
10 cycloalkylthio group, cycloalkenylthio group, arylthio group, aralkylthio group and acylthio group may have 1 to 3 substituent(s) at substitutable positions. As such substituents, for example, a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g.,
15 methoxy, ethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group and the like can be mentioned.

【0027】

20 As the esterified carboxyl group of the optionally esterified carboxyl group, for example, an alkoxycarbonyl group having 2 to 5 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl), an aralkyloxycarbonyl group having 8 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g.,
25 benzyloxycarbonyl), an aryloxycarbonyl group having 7 to 15 carbon atoms (e.g., phenoxycarbonyl) and the like can be mentioned.

【0028】

As the amidated carboxyl group of the optionally amidated
30 carboxyl group, a group of the formula: -CON(R⁹)(R¹⁰) [wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R⁹ and R¹⁰ may form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally
35 substituted nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring] can be

mentioned.

As used herein, the hydrocarbon group of the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" represented by R^9 and R^{10} is exemplified by the hydrocarbon groups exemplified for the
5 aforementioned R^7 . The hydrocarbon group is preferably an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms (preferably methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl), an alkynyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms (preferably 2-propynyl), a
cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms (preferably
10 cyclopropyl, cyclohexyl), an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (preferably phenyl), an aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (preferably benzyl, phenethyl, naphthylmethyl) and the like.

As the substituent of the "optionally substituted
15 hydrocarbon group" represented by R^9 and R^{10} , for example, a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); a sulfo group; a cyano group; an azido group; a nitro group; a nitroso group; an aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl etc.); a non-aromatic
20 heterocyclic group (e.g., tetrahydrofuryl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperidino, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl etc.); an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted by a substituent selected from alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g.,
25 alkanoyl group etc.); an amidino group; an acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group); a carbamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; a sulfamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; a
30 carboxyl group; an alkoxycarbonyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms; a hydroxy group; an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); an alkenyloxy group having 2 to 5 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3
35 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine

etc.); a cycloalkyloxy group having 3 to 7 carbon atoms; an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; an aryloxy group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyloxy, naphthyloxy etc.); a thiol group; an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); an aralkylthio group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; an arylthio group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenylthio, naphthylthio) and the like can be mentioned. The number of the substituent is, for example, 1 to 3.

[0029]

As the heterocyclic group of the "optionally substituted heterocyclic group" represented by R^9 and R^{10} , the heterocyclic group exemplified for the aforementioned R^7 can be mentioned.

As the substituent for the heterocyclic group, for example, a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine); a sulfo group; a cyano group; an azido group; a nitro group; a nitroso group; an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); an alkenyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); a cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms; an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl, naphthyl etc.); an aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl etc.); a non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., tetrahydrofuryl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperidino, pyrrolidiny, piperazinyl etc.); an aralkyl group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; an amino group which may be mono- or di-substituted by a substituent selected from alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group etc.); an amidino group; an acyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group etc.); a carbamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; a

sulfamoyl group which may be mono- or di-substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; a carboxyl group; an alkoxy carbonyl group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms; a hydroxy group; an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); an alkenyloxy group having 2 to 5 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); a cycloalkyloxy group having 3 to 7 carbon atoms; an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; an aryloxy group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyloxy, naphthyloxy etc.); a thiol group; an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); an aralkylthio group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms; an arylthio group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenylthio, naphthylthio etc.) and the like can be mentioned. The number of substituent is, for example, 1 to 3.

[0030]

As the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring formed by R^9 and R^{10} together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, for example, a 5- to 8-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring which contains, besides carbon atom, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from oxygen atom, sulfur atom and nitrogen atom can be mentioned. Preferable examples of the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring include pyrrolidine, imidazolidine, pyrazolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, azepane and the like.

The nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring may have 1 or 2 substituents at substitutable positions. As such substituent, a C_{1-6} alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); a C_{7-14} aralkyl group (e.g., benzyl, diphenylmethyl etc.); a C_{6-14} aryl group (e.g., phenyl etc.) which may be substituted by a substituent selected from a C_{1-6}

alkyl group (e.g., methyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy etc.) or C₂₋₁₀ alkanoyl group (e.g., acetyl etc.); a cyano group; a hydroxy group; a C₂₋₇ alkoxy carbonyl group (e.g., methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl etc.) and the like can be mentioned.

[0031]

The substituent for ring A is preferably a halogen atom, an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted hydroxy group, a optionally substituted thiol group, a nitro group, a cyano group or an optionally substituted amino group, more preferably

- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);
- 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); or
- 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.).

The number of substituent is preferably 1 or 2.

[0032]

The ring A is preferably an aromatic ring (preferably aromatic hydrocarbon, aromatic heterocyclic ring) which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen atom, an

optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted hydroxy group, an optionally substituted thiol group and the like, more preferably an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (preferably benzene) or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyridine), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from

- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);
- 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); and the like.

[0033]

As the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B, for example, pyrazole, isoxazole, isothiazole and the like can be mentioned. Of these, pyrazole is preferable.

The 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions. As such substituent, "a halogen atom", "a nitro group", "a cyano group", "an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted heterocyclic group", "an optionally

substituted acyl group", "an optionally substituted amino group", "an optionally substituted hydroxy group", "an optionally substituted thiol group", "an optionally esterified or amidated carboxyl group" and the like exemplified as the
5 substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

The substituent for ring B is preferably "an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally
10 substituted hydroxy group" and the like, more preferably a hydrocarbon group such as aliphatic hydrocarbon group, alicyclic hydrocarbon group, aromatic hydrocarbon group and the like; an alkoxy group; an aralkyloxy group and the like.

Specific examples of the substituent include an alkyl
15 group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy), a hydroxy group, an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl) and the like.

20 **[0034]**

The ring B is preferably a 1,2-azole ring (preferably pyrazole, isoxazole, isothiazole) which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted alicyclic
25 hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted hydroxy group and the like, more preferably pyrazole or isoxazole (preferably pyrazole) optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl,
30 ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy), a hydroxy group, an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl) and the like.

35 **[0035]**

Xa, Xb and Xc are the same or different and each is a bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-, -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, R² is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy-protecting group, R³ is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an amino-protecting group).

As the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" represented by R¹ or R³, those exemplified as the aforementioned R⁹ can be mentioned.

The "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" is preferably an optionally substituted alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec.-butyl, t.-butyl). The alkyl group may have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions, and as such substituent, for example, a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine), an alkoxy group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, isobutoxy, sec.-butoxy, t.-butoxy etc.), a hydroxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, an acyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms (e.g., alkanoyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as formyl, acetyl, propionyl etc.) and the like can be mentioned.

【0036】

As the hydroxy-protecting group represented by R², for example, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl etc.), a phenyl group, a trityl group, a C₇₋₁₀ aralkyl group (e.g., benzyl etc.), a formyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group (e.g., acetyl, propionyl etc.), a benzoyl group, a C₇₋₁₀ aralkyl-carbonyl group (e.g., benzylcarbonyl etc.), a 2-tetrahydropyranyl group, a 2-tetrahydrofuranlyl group, a silyl group (e.g., trimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, dimethylphenylsilyl, tert-butyldimethylsilyl, tert-butyldiethylsilyl etc.), a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group (e.g., 1-allyl etc.) and the like can be mentioned. These groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen

atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy etc.), a nitro group and the like.

5 As the amino-protecting group represented by R³, for example, a formyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group (e.g., acetyl, propionyl etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g., methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl etc.), a benzoyl group, a C₇₋₁₀ aralkyl-carbonyl group (e.g.,
10 benzylcarbonyl etc.), a C₇₋₁₄ aralkyloxy-carbonyl group (e.g., benzyloxycarbonyl, a 9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl etc.), a trityl group, a phthaloyl group, an N,N-dimethylaminomethylene group, a silyl group (e.g., trimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, dimethylphenylsilyl, tert-butyldimethylsilyl, tert-
15 butyldiethylsilyl etc.), a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group (e.g., 1-allyl etc.) and the like can be mentioned. These groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy etc.), a nitro
20 group and the like.

R¹ and R³ are preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R² is preferably a hydrogen atom.

【0037】

25 Xa is preferably a bond, -O-, -NR³- or -CONR³- (R³ is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms), more preferably a bond or -O-, particularly preferably a bond.

Xb is preferably -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CS-,
30 -CR¹(OR²)-, -NR³-, -CONR³- or -NR³CO- (R¹ and R³ are preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and R² is preferably a hydrogen atom), more preferably a bond or
or
-O-, particularly preferably -O-.

35 Xc is preferably a bond or -O-.

【0038】

As the "divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms" represented by Ya, Yb and Yc, for example, an alkylene having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenylene having
5 2 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkynylene having 2 to 20 carbon atoms and the like can be mentioned.

The "divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms" is preferably a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, more preferably
10 (1) a C₁₋₆ alkylene (e.g., -CH₂-, -(CH₂)₂-, -(CH₂)₃-, -(CH₂)₄-, -(CH₂)₅-, -(CH₂)₆-, -CH(CH₃)-, -C(CH₃)₂-, -(CH(CH₃))₂-, -(CH₂)₂C(CH₃)₂-, -(CH₂)₃C(CH₃)₂- and the like);
(2) a C₂₋₆ alkenylene (e.g., -CH=CH-, -CH₂-CH=CH-, -C(CH₃)₂-CH=CH-, -CH₂-CH=CH-CH₂-, -CH₂-CH₂-CH=CH-, -CH=CH-CH=CH-, -CH=CH-
15 CH₂-CH₂-CH₂- and the like); or
(3) a C₂₋₆ alkynylene (e.g., -C≡C-, -CH₂-C≡C-, -CH₂-C≡C-CH₂-CH₂- and the like) and the like.

Of these, a C₁₋₆ alkylene and a C₂₋₆ alkenylene are preferable.

20 Ya is preferably a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene. When Xa and Xb are bonds, Ya is preferably a C₃₋₆ alkylene or a C₃₋₆ alkenylene.

Yb is preferably a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene, more preferably a bond.

25 Yc is preferably a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene, more preferably a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene.

【0039】

As the monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C, monocyclic ring from among the aromatic hydrocarbon and
30 aromatic heterocyclic ring exemplified for the aforementioned ring A can be mentioned.

The monocyclic aromatic ring is preferably a benzene or a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring, more preferably benzene, pyrazole and the like.

35 The monocyclic aromatic ring represented by ring C may

have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions. As the substituent, "a halogen atom", "a nitro group", "a cyano group", "an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted alicyclic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group", "an optionally substituted heterocyclic group", "an optionally substituted acyl group", "an optionally substituted amino group", "an optionally substituted hydroxy group", "an optionally substituted thiol group", "an optionally esterified or amidated carboxyl group" and the like exemplified as substituent for ring A can be mentioned.

The substituent for ring C is preferably a halogen atom, an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted hydroxy group, an optionally substituted thiol group and the like, more preferably

- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);
- 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 6) a hydroxy group;
- 7) an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy); and the like.

The ring C is preferably a benzene or a 5- or 6-membered

monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyrazole), which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen atom, an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, an
5 optionally substituted hydroxy group, an optionally substituted thiol group and the like; more preferably a benzene or a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyrazole), which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from
10 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine,
15 bromine, iodine etc.);
3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy,
20 ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen
25 atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
6) a hydroxy group;
7) an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy); and the like.

【0040】

30 R represents $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group) or $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, or R^5 and R^6 form, together with the
35 adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted heterocyclic

ring).

As the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" represented by R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , those exemplified as the aforementioned R^9 can be mentioned.

5 The "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" is preferably an optionally substituted alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec.-butyl, t.-butyl etc.).

10 As the "optionally substituted heterocyclic group" represented by R^5 and R^6 , those exemplified as the aforementioned R^9 can be mentioned.

As the "optionally substituted heterocyclic ring" formed by R^5 and R^6 together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, the aforementioned optionally substituted nitrogen-containing
15 heterocyclic ring" formed by R^9 and R^{10} together with the adjacent nitrogen atom can be mentioned.

R is preferably $-OR^4$ (R^4 is a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group). As used herein, R^4 is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6
20 carbon atoms (preferably methyl, ethyl and the like), more preferably a hydrogen atom.

[0041]

In the formula (I),

(1) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole,
25 ring C is not thiadiazole or oxadiazole;

(2) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted pyridone;

(3) when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is pyrazole and Xa and Xb are bonds, ring C is not a benzene ring.

30 In the formula (Ib),
when the 1,2-azole ring represented by ring B is isoxazole, ring C is not an optionally substituted pyridone.

[0042]

Preferable examples of the compound represented by the
35 formula (I) include the following compounds.

[compound A]

A compound wherein

ring A is an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (preferably benzene) or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic

5 heterocyclic ring (preferably pyridine), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from

1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);

4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.) and the like,

ring B is pyrazole or isoxazole (preferably pyrazole)

optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from an alkyl

group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy) and the like;

Xa is a bond or -O-;

Xb is a bond or -O-;

Xc is a bond or -O-;

Ya is a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

Yb is a bond;

Yc is a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

ring C is benzene optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

5 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl
10 etc.);

4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

15 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.) and the like; and

R is $-OR^4$ (R^4 is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group
20 having 1 to 6 carbon atoms).

[0043]

[compound B]

A compound wherein

ring A is an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms
25 (preferably benzene) or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyridine), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from

1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

30 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl
35 etc.);

- 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.) and the like,
- ring B is pyrazole or isoxazole (preferably pyrazole), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy); and the like;
- Xa is a bond or -O-;
- Xb is a bond or -O-;
- Xc is a bond or -O-;
- Ya is a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;
- Yb is a bond;
- Yc is a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;
- ring C is a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyrazole), which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from
- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);
 - 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.)
- which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g.,

fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.); and
5 the like; and

R is $-OR^4$ (R^4 is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms).

【0044】

[compound C]

10 A compound wherein

ring A is an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (preferably benzene), a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyridine) or an alicyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 12 carbon atoms (preferably cyclopentane), each of which
15 may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from

1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be
20 substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);

4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.)
25 which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen
30 atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.) and the like;

ring B is a pyrazole or isoxazole (preferably pyrazole), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g.,
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methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy), a hydroxy group, an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl) and the like;

⁵ Xa is a bond or -O-;

Xb is a bond or -O-;

Xc is a bond or -O-;

Ya is a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

Yb is a bond;

¹⁰ Yc is a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

ring C is a benzene optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

¹⁵ 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

²⁰ 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g.,

²⁵ fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);

6) a hydroxy group;

³⁰ 7) an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy); and the like; and

R is -OR⁴ (R⁴ is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms).

[0045]

³⁵ [compound D]

A compound wherein ring A is an aromatic hydrocarbon having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (preferably benzene), a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyridine) or an alicyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 12 carbon atoms (preferably cyclopentane), each of which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from

- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.);
- 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
- 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.) and the like;

ring B is a pyrazole or isoxazole (preferably pyrazole) optionally having an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl), an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy), an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy), a hydroxy group, an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl) and the like;

Xa is a bond or -O-;

Xb is a bond or -O-;

Xc is a bond or -O-;

Ya is a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

Yb is a bond;

Yc is a bond, a C₁₋₆ alkylene or a C₂₋₆ alkenylene;

ring C is a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic ring (preferably pyrazole) optionally having 1 to 3 substituents selected from

- 1) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 2) an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, trifluoromethyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 3) an aryl group having 6 to 14 carbon atoms (e.g., phenyl etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 4) an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, trifluoromethoxy etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 5) an alkylthio group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methylthio etc.) which may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.);
 - 6) a hydroxy group;
 - 7) an aralkyloxy group having 7 to 13 carbon atoms (e.g., benzyloxy); and the like; and
- R is $-OR^4$ (R^4 is preferably a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms).

[0046]

The salt of a compound of the formula (I), (Ia), or (Ib) (hereinafter also referred to as Compound (I)) is preferably a pharmacologically acceptable salt, and is exemplified by salts with inorganic bases, salts with organic bases, salts with inorganic acids, salts with organic acids, and salts with basic or acidic amino acids.

Preferable examples of the salts with inorganic bases include alkali metal salts such as sodium salts, potassium salts and lithium salts; alkaline earth metal salts such as calcium salts and magnesium salts; and aluminum salts and

ammonium salts.

Preferable examples of the salts with organic bases include salts with trimethylamine, triethylamine, pyridine, picoline, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine,
5 dicyclohexylamine, N,N-dibenzylethylenediamine, etc.

Preferable examples of the salts with inorganic acids include salts with hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, etc.

Preferable examples of the salts with organic acids
10 include salts with formic acid, acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, fumaric acid, oxalic acid, tartaric acid, maleic acid, citric acid, succinic acid, malic acid, methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, etc.

Preferable examples of the salts with basic amino acids
15 include salts with arginine, lysine, ornithine, etc.

Examples of preferable salts with acidic amino acids include salts with aspartic acid, glutamic acid, etc.

【0047】

A prodrug of Compound (I) refers to a compound capable of
20 being converted to Compound (I) by reactions of an enzyme, gastric juice, or the like, under physiological conditions in vivo, specifically a compound capable of being converted to Compound (I) upon enzymatic oxidation, reduction, hydrolysis, or the like, or a compound capable of being converted to
25 Compound (I) upon hydrolysis or the like by gastric juice or the like. Examples of the prodrugs of Compound (I) include compounds derived by acylation, alkylation or phosphorylation of the amino group of Compound (I) (e.g., compounds derived by eicosanoylation, alanylation, pentylaminocarbonylation, (5-
30 methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxolen-4-yl)methoxycarbonylation, tetrahydrofuranylation, tetrahydropyranylation, pyrrolidylmethylation, pivaloyloxymethylation or tert-butylation of the amino group of Compound (I)); compounds derived by acylation, alkylation, phosphorylation or boration
35 of the hydroxyl group of Compound (I) (e.g., compounds derived

by acetylation, palmitoylation, propanoylation, pivaloylation, succinylation, fumarylation, alanylation, dimethylaminomethylcarbonylation or tetrahydropyranylation of the hydroxyl group of Compound (I)); and compounds derived by
5 esterification or amidation of the carboxyl group of Compound (I) (e.g., compounds derived by ethyl esterification, phenyl esterification, carboxymethyl esterification, dimethylaminomethyl esterification, pivaloyloxymethyl esterification, ethoxycarbonyloxyethyl esterification,
10 phthalidyl esterification, (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxolen-4-yl)methyl esterification, cyclohexyloxycarbonylethyl esterification, or methylamidation of the carboxyl group of Compound (I)). These compounds can be produced from Compound (I) by per se known methods.

15 The prodrug of Compound (I) may be one capable of being converted to Compound (I) under physiological conditions, as described in "Iyakuhin No Kaihatsu (Development of Drugs)", vol. 7, Molecular Designing, published by Hirokawa Shoten, 1990, pages 163 - 198.

20 In addition, Compound (I) may be labeled with an isotope (e.g., ^3H , ^{14}C , ^{35}S , ^{125}I).

Furthermore, Compound (I) may be anhydrides or hydrates.

[0048]

Compounds (I) and salts thereof (hereinafter also
25 referred to as "compound of the present invention") are of low toxicity and can be used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of the various diseases mentioned below in mammals (e.g., humans, mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, cats, bovines, horses, swine, monkeys), as such or in the form of
30 pharmaceutical compositions prepared by admixing with a pharmacologically acceptable carrier, etc.

[0049]

Here, the pharmacologically acceptable carriers are exemplified by various organic or inorganic carrier substances
35 in common use as materials for pharmaceutical preparations,

and they are formulated as excipients, lubricants, binders, and disintegrants for solid preparations; and as solvents, solubilizers, suspending agents, isotonizing agents, buffers, soothing agents, etc. for liquid preparations. In addition,
5 other additives for pharmaceutical preparations, such as antiseptics, antioxidants, coloring agents, and sweetening agents, may also be used as necessary.

Preferable examples of the excipients include lactose, saccharose, D-mannitol, D-sorbitol, starch, gelatinized
10 starch, dextrin, crystalline cellulose, low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, gum arabic, dextrin, pullulan, light silicic anhydride, synthetic aluminum silicate, and magnesium metasilicate aluminate.

Preferable examples of the lubricants include magnesium
15 stearate, calcium stearate, talc, and colloidal silica.

Preferable examples of the binders include gelatinized starch, sucrose, gelatin, gum arabic, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, crystalline cellulose, saccharose, D-mannitol, trehalose,
20 dextrin, pullulan, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, and polyvinylpyrrolidone. Preferable examples of the disintegrants include lactose, saccharose, starch, carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose calcium, croscarmellose sodium,
25 carboxymethyl starch sodium, light silicic anhydride, and low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose.

【0050】

Preferable examples of the solvents include water for injection, physiological saline, Ringer's solution, alcohol,
30 propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, sesame oil, corn oil, olive oil, and cottonseed oil.

Preferable examples of the solubilizers include polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, D-mannitol, trehalose, benzyl benzoate, ethanol, trisaminomethane, cholesterol,
35 triethanolamine, sodium carbonate, sodium citrate, sodium

salicylate, and sodium acetate.

Preferable examples of the suspending agents include surfactants such as stearyltriethanolamine, sodium lauryl sulfate, laurylaminopropionic acid, lecithin, benzalkonium
5 chloride, benzethonium chloride, and monostearic glycerol; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, methylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, and hydroxypropylcellulose; and
10 polysorbates and polyoxyethylene-hardened castor oil.

Preferable examples of the isotonizing agents include sodium chloride, glycerol, D-mannitol, D-sorbitol, and glucose.

Preferable examples of the buffers include buffer
15 solutions of phosphates, acetates, carbonates, citrates etc.

Preferable examples of the soothing agents include benzyl alcohol.

Preferable examples of the antiseptics include p-oxybenzoic acid esters, chlorobutanol, benzyl alcohol,
20 phenethyl alcohol, dehydroacetic acid, and sorbic acid.

Preferable examples of the antioxidants include sulfites and ascorbates.

Preferable examples of the coloring agents include food colors such as water-soluble tar colors for food (e.g., Food
25 Color Red Nos. 2 and 3, Food Color Yellow Nos. 4 and 5, Food Color Blue Nos. 1 and 2), water-insoluble lake colors (e.g., aluminum salts of the aforementioned water-soluble tar colors for food), and natural colors (e.g., β -carotene, chlorophyll, red oxide).

30 Preferable examples of the sweetening agents include saccharin sodium, dipotassium glycyrrhetinate, aspartame, and stevia.

Examples of the dosage forms of the pharmaceutical composition include oral preparations such as tablets
35 (including sublingual tablet, orally disintegrating tablet),

capsules (including soft capsules and microcapsules), powders, granules, troche, syrups; and non-oral preparations such as injections (e.g., subcutaneous injections, intravenous injections, intramuscular injections, intraperitoneal
5 injections, drip infusions), external preparations (e.g., dermal preparations, ointments), suppositories (e.g., rectal suppositories, vaginal suppositories), pellets, preparations for nasal administration, preparations for transpulmonary administration (inhalant) and eye drop. These preparations may
10 be controlled-release preparations (e.g., sustained-release microcapsule) such as rapid release preparations, sustained-release preparations and the like.

The pharmaceutical composition can be prepared by conventional methods in the fields of pharmaceutical
15 manufacturing techniques, for example, methods described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia. Specific production methods for oral preparations and non-oral preparations are hereinafter described in detail.

An oral preparation, for instance, is produced by
20 adding to the active ingredient an excipient (e.g., lactose, saccharose, starch, D-mannitol), a disintegrant (e.g., carboxymethylcellulose calcium), a binder (e.g., gelatinized starch, gum arabic, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone) or a lubricant
25 (e.g., talc, magnesium stearate, polyethyleneglycol 6000), compression molding the obtained mixture, then, if necessary coating by a per se known method using a coating base for the purpose of taste masking, enteric coating or sustained release.

30 Examples of the coating base include a sugar coating base, a water-soluble film coating base, an enteric film coating base, a sustained-release film coating base.

As the sugar coating base saccharose is employed. Further, one or two or more species selected from talc,
35 precipitated calcium carbonate, gelatin, gum arabic, pullulan,

carnauba wax and the like may be used in combination.

Examples of the water-soluble film coating base include cellulose polymers such as hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, methylhydroxyethylcellulose; synthetic polymers such as polyvinylacetal diethylaminoacetate, aminoalkyl methacrylate copolymer E [Eudragit E (trademark), Rhom Pharma] and polyvinylpyrrolidone; polysaccharides such as pullulan.

Examples of the enteric film coating base include cellulose polymers such as hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate succinate, carboxymethylethylcellulose, cellulose acetate phthalate; acrylic acid polymers such as methacrylic acid copolymer L [Eudragit L (trademark), Rhom Pharma], methacrylic acid copolymer LD [Eudragit L-30D55 (trademark), Rhom Pharma], methacrylic acid copolymer S [Eudragit S (trademark), Rhom Pharma]; natural products such as shellac and the like.

Examples of the sustained-release film coating base include cellulose polymers such as ethylcellulose; acrylic acid polymers such as aminoalkyl methacrylate copolymer RS [Eudragit RS (trademark), Rhom Pharma] and an ethyl acrylate-methyl methacrylate copolymer suspension [Eudragit NE (trademark), Rhom Pharma].

Two or more of the above coating bases may be used in admixture in an appropriate ratio. On the occasion of coating, a shading agent such as titanium oxide, red ferric oxide may be used.

Injections are produced by dissolving, suspending or emulsifying the active ingredient in an aqueous solvent (e.g. distilled water, physiological saline, Ringer's solution) or an oleaginous solvent (e.g. vegetable oils such as olive oil, sesame oil, cotton seed oil, corn oil; propylene glycol), together with a dispersant (e.g. polysorbate 80, polyoxyethylene-hardened castor oil 60), polyethylene glycol, carboxymethylcellulose, sodium alginate etc.), a preservative

(e.g. methylparaben, propylparaben, benzyl alcohol, chlorobutanol, phenol etc.), an isotonizing agent (e.g. sodium chloride, glycerol, D-mannitol, D-sorbitol, glucose) and the like. If desirable, additives such as a solubilizer (e.g. sodium salicylate, sodium acetate), a stabilizer (e.g. human serum albumin), a soothing agent (e.g. benzyl alcohol), may be used.

The compound of the present invention has a hypoglycemic action, a hypolipidemic action, a hypoinsulinemic action, an insulin resistance improving action, an insulin sensitivity enhancing action, and a retinoid-related receptor function regulating action.

The term "function regulating action" used here stands for both an agonistic action and an antagonistic action.

The term "retinoid-related receptor" used here is classified as nuclear receptors, and is a DNA-binding transcription factor whose ligand is a signal molecule such as oil-soluble vitamins, etc., and may be any of a monomer receptor, a homodimer receptor and a heterodimer receptor.

Here, examples of the monomer receptor include retinoid O receptor (hereinafter, also abbreviated as ROR) α (GenBank Accession No. L14611), ROR β (GenBank Accession No. L14160), ROR γ (GenBank Accession No. U16997); Rev-erb α (GenBank Accession No. M24898), Rev-erb β (GenBank Accession No. L31785); ERR α (GenBank Accession No. X51416), ERR β (GenBank Accession No. X51417); Ftz-FI α (GenBank Accession No. S65876), Ftz-FI β (GenBank Accession No. M81385); Tlx (GenBank Accession No. S77482); GCNF (GenBank Accession No. U14666).

Examples of the homodimer receptor include homodimers formed by retinoid X receptor (hereinafter, also abbreviated as RXR) α (GenBank Accession No. X52733), RXR β (GenBank Accession No. M84820), RXR γ (GenBank Accession No. U38480); COUP α (GenBank Accession No. X12795), COUP β (GenBank Accession No. M64497), COUP γ (GenBank Accession No. X12794); TR2 α (GenBank Accession No. M29960), TR2 β (GenBank Accession No.

L27586); or HNF4 α (GenBank Accession No. X76930), HNF4 γ (GenBank Accession No. Z49826), etc.

Examples of the heterodimer receptor include heterodimers which are formed by the above-mentioned retinoid X receptor (RXR α , RXR β or RXT γ) and one receptor selected from retinoid A receptor (hereinafter, also abbreviated as RAR) α (GenBank Accession No. X06614), RAR β (GenBank Accession No. Y00291), RAR γ (GenBank Accession No. M24857); thyroid hormone receptor (hereinafter, also abbreviated as TR) α (GenBank Accession No. M24748), TR β (GenBank Accession No. M26747); vitamin D receptor (VDR) (GenBank Accession No. J03258); peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (hereinafter, also abbreviated as PPAR) α (GenBank Accession No. L02932), PPAR β (PPAR δ) (GenBank Accession No. U10375), PPAR γ (GenBank Accession No. L40904); LXR α (GenBank Accession No. U22662), LXR β (GenBank Accession No. U14534); FXR (GenBank Accession No. U18374); MB67 (GenBank Accession No. L29263); ONR (GenBank Accession No. X75163); and NUR α (GenBank Accession No. L13740), NUR β (GenBank Accession No. X75918) and NUR γ (GenBank Accession No. U12767).

The compound of the present invention has an excellent ligand activity particularly to retinoid X receptors (RXR α , RXR β , RXR γ) and to peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPAR α , PPAR β (PPAR δ), PPAR γ) among the above-mentioned retinoid-related receptors. It is useful as an agonist, a partial agonist, an antagonist or a partial antagonist to these receptors.

Further, the compound of the present invention has an excellent ligand activity to peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors in heterodimer receptors formed from a retinoid X receptor and a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (e.g. heterodimer receptors formed from RXR α and PPAR δ , heterodimer receptors formed from RXR α and PPAR γ).

Accordingly, the retinoid-related receptor ligand of the present invention can be used advantageously as a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor ligand or a retinoid X

receptor ligand.

The compound of the present invention can be used as, for example, an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes (e.g., type 1 diabetes mellitus, type 2 diabetes mellitus, gestational diabetes mellitus); an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia (e.g., hypertriglyceridemia, hypercholesterolemia, hypo-high-density-lipoproteinemia, postprandial hyperlipemia); an agent for improving insulin resistance; an agent for enhancing insulin sensitivity; an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of impaired glucose tolerance (IGT); and an agent for preventing progress from impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes mellitus.

Regarding diagnostic criteria of diabetes mellitus, new diagnostic criteria were reported by the Japan Diabetes Society in 1999.

According to this report, diabetes mellitus is a condition wherein the fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is not less than 126 mg/dl, the 2-hour value (glucose concentration in venous plasma) of the 75 g oral glucose tolerance test (75 g OGTT) is not less than 200 mg/dl, or the non-fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is not less than 200 mg/dl. In addition, a condition which does not fall within the scope of the above definition of diabetes mellitus, and which is not a "condition wherein the fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is less than 110 mg/dl or the 2-hour value (glucose concentration in venous plasma) of the 75 g oral glucose tolerance test (75 g OGTT) is less than 140 mg/dl" (normal type), is called the "borderline type".

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In addition, regarding diagnostic criteria for diabetes mellitus, new diagnostic criteria were reported by ADA (American Diabetic Association) in 1997 and by WHO in 1998.

According to these reports, diabetes mellitus is a

condition wherein the fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is not less than 126 mg/dl, and the 2-hour value (glucose concentration in venous plasma) of the 75 g oral glucose tolerance test is not less than 200
5 mg/dl.

In addition, according to the above reports, impaired glucose tolerance is a condition wherein the fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is less than 126 mg/dl, and the 2-hour value (glucose concentration in
10 venous plasma) of the 75 g oral glucose tolerance test is not less than 140 mg/dl and less than 200 mg/dl. Furthermore, according to the ADA report, a condition wherein the fasting blood glucose level (glucose concentration in venous plasma) is not less than 110 mg/dl and less than 126 mg/dl, is called
15 IFG (impaired fasting glucose). On the other hand, according to the WHO report, a condition of IFG (impaired fasting glucose) as such wherein the 2-hour value (glucose concentration in venous plasma) of the 75 g oral glucose tolerance test is less than 140 mg/dl, is called IFG (impaired
20 fasting glycemia).

The compound of the present invention can be used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes mellitus, borderline type, impaired glucose tolerance, IFG (impaired fasting glucose) and IFG (impaired fasting glycemia) as
25 defined by the above new diagnostic criteria. Furthermore, the compound of the present invention can also be used to prevent the progression of the borderline type, impaired glucose tolerance, IFG (impaired fasting glucose) or IFG (impaired fasting glycemia) to diabetes mellitus.

30 The compound of the present invention possesses a total cholesterol lowering action and enhance a plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index $[(\text{HDL cholesterol}/\text{total cholesterol}) \times 100]$, and therefore, can be used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of arteriosclerosis (e.g.,
35 atherosclerosis), and the like. Particularly, since the

compound of the present invention concurrently has a hypoglycemic action and a total cholesterol lowering action, it is extremely useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of arteriosclerosis in diabetic patients.

5 The compound of the present invention can be used also as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetic complications (e.g., neuropathy, nephropathy, retinopathy, cataract, macroangiopathy, osteopenia, diabetic hyperosmolar coma, infectious diseases (e.g., respiratory infection,
10 urinary tract infection, gastrointestinal tract infection, dermal soft tissue infection, inferior limb infection), diabetic gangrene, xerostomia, lowered sense of hearing, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral circulatory disturbance, etc.), obesity, osteoporosis, cachexia (e.g., carcinomatous
15 cachexia, tuberculous cachexia, diabetic cachexia, hemopathic cachexia, endocrinopathic cachexia, infectious cachexia, cachexia induced by acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), fatty liver, hypertension, polycystic ovary syndrome, renal diseases (e.g., diabetic nephropathy, glomerular nephritis,
20 glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, terminal renal disorder), muscular dystrophy, myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, cerebrovascular disease (e.g., cerebral infarction, cerebral apoplexy), insulin resistant syndrome, syndrome X, hyperinsulinemia,
25 hyperinsulinemia-induced sensory disorder, tumor (e.g., leukemia, breast cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer), irritable intestine syndrome, acute or chronic diarrhea, inflammatory diseases (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, spondylitis deformans, osteoarthritis,
30 lumbago, gout, postoperative or traumatic inflammation, remission of swelling, neuralgia, pharyngolaryngitis, cystitis, hepatitis (including steatohepatitis such as non-alcoholic steatohepatitis), pneumonia, pancreatitis, inflammatory colitis, ulcerative colitis), visceral obesity
35 syndrome, and the like.

The compound of the present invention can be used for ameliorating bellyache, nausea, vomiting, or dysphoria in epigastrium, each of which is accompanied by gastrointestinal ulcer, acute or chronic gastritis, biliary dyskinesia, or
5 cholecystitis.

The compound of the present invention can control (enhance or inhibit) appetite and food intake, and therefore, can be used as an agent for treating leanness and cibophobia (the weight increase in administration subjects suffering from
10 leanness or cibophobia) or an agent for treating obesity.

Since the compound of the present invention has a TNF- α suppressing effect (a TNF- α production amount-lowering effect and a TNF- α activity lowering effect in tissues of living organisms), the compound of the present invention can be also
15 used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of TNF- α mediated inflammatory diseases. Examples of such inflammatory diseases include diabetic complications (e.g., retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, macroangiopathy), rheumatoid arthritis, spondylitis deformans, osteoarthritis, lumbago,
20 gout, postoperative or traumatic inflammation, remission of swelling, neuralgia, pharyngolaryngitis, cystitis, hepatitis, pneumonia, gastric mucosal injury (including aspirin-induced gastric mucosal injury), and the like.

The compound of the present invention has an apoptosis
25 inhibitory activity, and can be used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diseases mediated by promotion of apoptosis. Examples of the diseases mediated by promotion of apoptosis include viral diseases (e.g., AIDS, fulminant hepatitis), neurodegenerative diseases (e.g., Alzheimer's
30 disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, retinitis pigmentosa, cerebellar degeneration), myelodysplasia (e.g., aplastic anemia), ischemic diseases (e.g., myocardial infarction, cerebral apoplexy), hepatic diseases (e.g., alcoholic hepatitis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C), joint-diseases
35 (e.g., osteoarthritis), atherosclerosis, and the like.

The compound of the present invention can be used for reducing visceral fats, inhibiting accumulation of visceral fats, ameliorating glycometabolism, ameliorating lipidmetabolism, ameliorating insulin resistance, inhibiting
5 production of oxidized LDL, ameliorating lipoprotein metabolism, ameliorating coronary artery metabolism, preventing or treating cardiovascular complications, preventing or treating heart failure complications, lowering blood remnant, preventing or treating anovulation, preventing
10 or treating hirsutism, preventing or treating hyperandrogenism, and the like.

The compound of the present invention can be used for secondary prevention and for inhibition in progress, of the various diseases described above (e.g., cardiovascular events
15 such as myocardial infarction, etc.).

【0063】

Although the dose of the compound of the present invention varies depending on administration subject, administration route, target disease, clinical condition,
20 etc., it is, for instance, about 0.005 to 50 mg/kg body weight, preferably 0.01 to 2 mg/kg body weight, more preferably 0.025 to 0.5 mg/kg body weight, as a usual dosage per administration for oral administration to an adult diabetic patient. This dose is desirably administered 1 to 3
25 times a day.

【0064】

The compound of the present invention can be used in combination with a drug such as a therapeutic agent for diabetes mellitus, a therapeutic agent for diabetic
30 complications, an antihyperlipidemic agent, a hypotensive agent, an antiobesity agent, a diuretic agent, a chemotherapeutic agent, an immunotherapeutic agent, antithrombotic agent, ameliorative agent for cachexia, and the like (hereinafter abbreviated as a combination drug). The
35 combination drug may be a low molecular weight compound or a

high molecular weight protein, polypeptide, antibody, vaccine and the like. On such occasions, the timing of administration of the compound of the present invention and that of the combination drug is not limited. They may be administered
5 simultaneously or at staggered times to the administration subject. Moreover, the compound of the present invention and a combination drug may be administered as two kinds of preparations respectively containing an active ingredient, or as a single preparation containing both active ingredients.

10 The dose of the combination drug can be appropriately selected based on the dose which is clinically employed. The proportion of the compound of the present invention and the combination drug can be appropriately selected according to the administration subject, administration route, target
15 disease, clinical condition, combination, and other factors. In cases where the administration subject is human, for instance, the combination drug may be used in an amount of 0.01 to 100 parts by weight per part by weight of the compound of the present invention.

20 **【0065】**

Examples of the therapeutic agent for diabetes mellitus include insulin preparations (e.g., animal insulin preparations extracted from the bovine or swine pancreas; human insulin preparations synthesized by a genetic
25 engineering technique using Escherichia coli or a yeast, insulin zinc; protamine zinc insulin; fragment or derivative of insulin (e.g., INS-1 and the like)), insulin resistance improving agents (e.g., pioglitazone hydrochloride, troglitazone, rosiglitazone or its maleate, GI-262570, JTT-
30 501, MCC-555, YM-440, KRP-297, CS-011, FK-614, compounds described in WO99/58510 (e.g., (E)-4-[4-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-oxazolylmethoxy)benzyloxyimino]-4-phenylbutyric acid) and the like), α -glucosidase inhibitors (e.g., voglibose, acarbose, miglitol, emiglitate), biguanides (e.g., phenformin,
35 metformin, buformin), insulin secretagogues [sulfonylureas

(e.g., tolbutamide, glibenclamide, gliclazide, chlorpropamide, tolazamide, acetohexamide, glyclopyramide, glimepiride, glipizide, glybuzole), repaglinide, nateglinide, mitiglinide or its calcium salt hydrate, GLP-1), dipeptidylpeptidase IV
5 inhibitors (e.g., NVP-DPP-278, PT-100), β 3 agonists (e.g., CL-316243, SR-58611-A, UL-TG-307, SB-226552, AJ-9677, BMS-196085, AZ40140), amylin agonist (e.g., pramlintide), phosphotyrosine phosphatase inhibitors (e.g., vanadic acid), gluconeogenesis inhibitors (e.g., glycogen phosphorylase inhibitors, glucose-
10 6-phosphatase inhibitors, glucagon antagonists), SGLUT (sodium-glucose cotransporter) inhibitors (e.g., T-1095).

Examples of the therapeutic agent for diabetic complications include aldose reductase inhibitors (e.g., tolrestat, epalrestat, zenarestat, zopolrestat, minalrestat,
15 fidarestat (SNK-860), CT-112), neurotrophic factors (e.g., NGF, NT-3, BDNF), neurotrophic factor production secretion promoter [e.g., neurotrophin production secretion promoter (e.g., 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazole)-5-(3-(2-methylphenoxy)propyl)oxazole and the like) described in
20 WO01/14372], PKC inhibitors (e.g., LY-333531), AGE inhibitors (e.g., ALT946, pimagedine, pyratoxathine, N-phenacylthiazolium bromide (ALT766), EXO-226), active oxygen scavengers (e.g. thiocetic acid), cerebral vasodilators (e.g., tiapuride, mexiletine).

25 Examples of the antihyperlipidemic agent include HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (e.g., pravastatin, simvastatin, lovastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lipantil, cerivastatin, itavastatin, ZD-4522 or their salts (e.g., sodium salt)), fibrate compounds (e.g., bezafibrate, beclofibrate,
30 binifibrate, cyprofibrate, clinofibrate, clofibrate, clofibric acid, etofibrate, fenofibrate, gemfibrozil, nicofibrate, pirifibrate, ronifibrate, simfibrate, theofibrate), squalene synthase inhibitors (e.g., compound described in WO97/10224, such as N-[[(3R,5S)-1-(3-acetoxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-7-chloro-
35 5-(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-4,1-

benzoxazepin-3-yl]acetyl]piperidine-4-acetic acid and the like), ACAT inhibitors (e.g., Avasimibe, Eflucimibe), anion exchange resins (e.g., cholestylamine), probuchol, nicotinic pharmaceutical agents (e.g., nicomol, niceritrol), ethyl
5 icosapentate, phytosterol (e.g., soysterol, γ -oryzanol) and the like.

Examples of the hypotensive agent include angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (e.g., captopril, enalapril, delapril), angiotensin II antagonists (e.g., candesartan
10 cilexetil, losartan, eprosartan, valsartan, termisartan, irbesartan, tasosartan), calcium antagonist (e.g., manidipine, nifedipine, nicardipine, amlodipine, efonidipine), potassium channel opener (e.g., levcromakalim, L-27152, AL 0671 NIP-121) and clonidine.

15 **[0067]**

Examples of the antiobesity agent include antiobesity drugs acting on the central nervous system (e.g. dexfenfluramine, fenfluramine, phentermine, sibutramine, anfepramon, dexamphetamine, mazindol, phenylpropanolamine,
20 clobenzorex), pancreatic lipase inhibitors (e.g. orlistat), β 3 agonists (e.g. CL-316243, SR-58611-A, UL-TG-307, SB-226552, AJ-9677, BMS-196085, AZ-40140), anorectic peptides (e.g. leptin, CNTF (Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor)), cholecystokinin agonists (e.g. lintitript, FPL-15849).

25 Examples of the diuretic agent include xanthine derivatives (e.g., theobromine and sodium salicylate, theobromine and calcium salicylate), thiazide preparations (e.g., ethiazide, cyclopenthiazide, trichlormethiazide, hydrochlorothiazide, hydroflumethiazide,
30 benzylhydrochlorothiazide, penflutizide, polythiazide, methyclothiazide), antialdosterone preparations (e.g., spironolactone, triamterene), carbonate dehydratase inhibitors (e.g., acetazolamide), chlorobenzenesulfonamide preparations (e.g., chlorthalidone, mefruside, indapamide), azosemide,
35 isosorbide, ethacrynic acid, piretanide, bumetanide,

furosemide.

【0068】

Examples of the chemotherapeutic agent include alkylating agents (e.g., cyclophosphamide, ifosamide), metabolic
5 antagonists (e.g., methotrexate, 5-fluorouracil or derivative thereof), antitumor antibiotics (e.g., mitomycin, adriamycin), plant-derived antitumor agents (e.g., vincristine, vindesine, Taxol), cisplatin, carboplatin, etoposide. Among these, 5-fluorouracil derivatives such as Furtulon and Neo-Furtulon are
10 preferable.

Examples of the immunotherapeutic agent include microorganism- or bacterium-derived components (e.g., muramyl dipeptide derivatives, Picibanil), immunopotentiator polysaccharides (e.g., lentinan, schizophyllan, krestin),
15 genetically engineered cytokines (e.g., interferons, interleukins (IL)), colony stimulating agents (e.g., granulocyte colony stimulating factor, erythropoietin), etc. Among these, interleukins such as IL-1, IL-2, IL-12 and the like are preferable.

20 As the antithrombotic agent, for example, heparin (e.g., heparin sodium, heparin calcium, dalteparin sodium), warfarin (e.g., warfarin potassium), antithrombin agents (e.g., aragatroban), thrombolytic agents (e.g., urokinase, tisokinase, alteplase, nateplase, monteplase, pamiteplase),
25 platelet aggregation inhibitors (e.g., ticlopidine hydrochloride, cilostazol, ethyl icosapentate, beraprost sodium, sarpogrelate hydrochloride) and the like can be mentioned.

Examples of the ameliorative agent for cachexia include
30 cyclooxygenase inhibitors (e.g., indomethacin) (Cancer Research, vol. 49, pp. 5935-5939, 1989), progesterone derivatives (e.g., megestrol acetate) (Journal of Clinical Oncology, vol. 12, pp. 213-225, 1994), glucocorticoids (e.g. dexamethasone), metoclopramide pharmaceuticals,
35 tetrahydrocannabinol pharmaceuticals (the above references are

applied to both), fat metabolism ameliorating agents (e.g., eicosapentanoic acid) (British Journal of Cancer, vol. 68, pp. 314-318, 1993), growth hormones, IGF-1, and antibodies to the cachexia-inducing factor TNF- α , LIF, IL-6 or oncostatin M.

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【0070】

As the combination drug, nerve regeneration promoting drugs (e.g., Y-128, VX-853, prosaptide), antidepressants (e.g., desipramine, amitriptyline, imipramine),
10 anticonvulsants (e.g., lamotrigine), antiarrhythmic drugs (e.g., mexiletine), acetylcholine receptor ligands (e.g., ABT-594), endothelin receptor antagonists (e.g., ABT-627), monoamine uptake inhibitors (e.g., tramadol), narcotic analgesics (e.g., morphine), GABA receptor agonists (e.g.,
15 gabapentine), α 2 receptor agonists (e.g., clonidine), local analgesics (e.g., capsaicin), protein kinase C inhibitors (e.g., LY-333531), antianxiety drugs (e.g., benzodiazepine), phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g., sildenafil (citrate)), dopamine agonists (e.g., apomorphine), osteoporosis
20 therapeutic agents (e.g., alphacalcidol, calcitriol, elcatonin, salmon calcitonine, estriol, ipriflavone, pamidronate disodium hydrate, arendronate disodium, incadronate disodium), antidementia drugs (e.g., tacrine, donepezil, rivastigmine, galantamine), therapeutic agents for
25 anischuria or polakisuria (e.g., flavoxate hydrochloride, oxybutynin hydrochloride, propiverine hydrochloride), midazolam, ketoconazole and the like can be mentioned.

【0071】

The combination drug is preferably an insulin
30 preparation, an insulin resistance improving agent, an α -glucosidase inhibitor, a biguanide, an insulin secretagogue (preferably sulfonylurea), and the like.

The above combination drugs can be used as a mixture of two or more species in an appropriate ratio. In the case of
35 using two or more combination drugs, preferable combinations

include the following.

- 1) an insulin resistance improving agent and an insulin preparation;
- 2) an insulin resistance improving agent and an insulin
5 secretagogue;
- 3) an insulin resistance improving agent and an α -glucosidase inhibitor;
- 4) an insulin resistance improving agent and a biguanide;
- 5) an insulin preparation and a biguanide;
- 10 6) an insulin preparation and an insulin secretagogue;
- 7) an insulin preparation and an α -glucosidase inhibitor;
- 8) an insulin secretagogue and an α -glucosidase inhibitor;
- 9) an insulin secretagogue and a biguanide;
- 15 10) an insulin resistance improving agent, an insulin preparation and a biguanide;
- 11) an insulin resistance improving agent, an insulin preparation and an insulin secretagogue;
- 12) an insulin resistance improving agent, an insulin
20 preparation and an α -glucosidase inhibitor;
- 13) an insulin resistance improving agent, an insulin secretagogue and a biguanide;
- 14) an insulin resistance improving agent, an insulin secretagogue and an α -glucosidase inhibitor; and
- 25 15) an insulin resistance improving agent, a biguanide and an α -glucosidase inhibitor.

【0072】

By a combined use of the compound of the present invention and a combination drug, superior effects such as
30 potentiation of the action of the compound of the present invention and/or the combination drug (preferably insulin preparation, insulin resistance improving agent, insulin secretagogue or biguanide), reduction of the dose of the compound of the present invention and/or the combination drug
35 (preferably insulin resistance improving agent, insulin

secretagogue or biguanide), reduction of the side effect of the compound of the present invention and/or the combination drug and the like can be obtained.

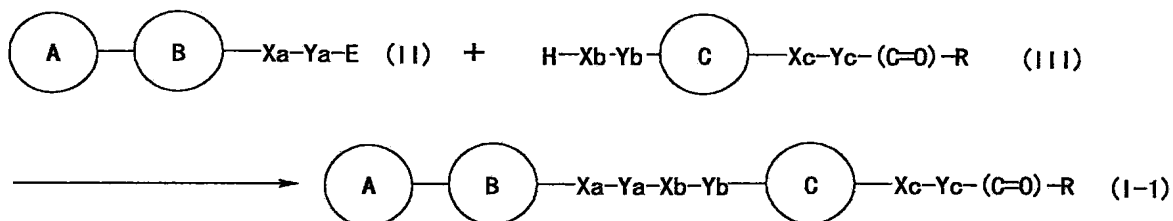
【0073】

5 The production method for the compound of the present invention is hereinafter described.

Compound (I) can be produced by a method known *per se*, such as METHODS A - I shown in the following or a method analogous thereto. In each of the following production
10 methods, the starting material may be used in the form of a salt, and examples of such salt include those exemplified as the salts of the aforementioned compound (I).

The compound (I-1), having -O-, -S- or -NR³- (R³ is as defined above) for Xb in the formula (I), can be produced by,
15 for example, the following METHOD A.

[METHOD A]



wherein E is a leaving group, and other symbols are as defined
20 above.

As used herein, as the leaving group represented by E, for example, a hydroxy group, a halogen atom, -OSO₂R¹¹ (R¹¹ is alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms which may be substituted by alkyl group
25 having 1 to 4 carbon atoms) and the like can be mentioned.

As the alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms of the "alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms" and "aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms which may be substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms" represented by R¹¹, for
30 example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec.-butyl and t.-butyl can be preferably mentioned,

particularly preferably methyl.

As the aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms of the "aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms which may be substituted by alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms" 5 represented by R^{11} , for example, phenyl, naphthyl can be mentioned, particularly preferably phenyl.

R^{11} is particularly preferably methyl, tolyl and the like.

【0074】

10 In this method, compound (II) and compound (III) are reacted to give compound (I-1).

When E is hydroxy group, this reaction is carried out according to a method known *per se*, such as a method described in Synthesis, page 1 (1981), or a method analogous thereto.

15 That is, this reaction is generally carried out in the presence of an organic phosphorus compound and an electrophilic agent in a solvent which does not interfere with the reaction.

As the organic phosphorus compound, for example, 20 triphenylphosphine, tributylphosphine and the like can be mentioned.

As the electrophilic agent, for example, diethyl azodicarboxylate, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate, azodicarbonyldipiperazine and the like can be mentioned.

25 The amount of the organic phosphorus compound and electrophilic agent to be used is preferably about 1 - about 5 molar equivalents relative to compound (III).

As the solvent which does not interfere with the reaction, for example, ethers such as diethyl ether, 30 tetrahydrofuran, dioxane and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, dichloromethane and the like; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene and the like; amides such as N,N-dimethylformamide and the like; sulfoxides such as dimethyl sulfoxide and the like, and the 35 like can be mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing

at a suitable ratio.

The reaction temperature is generally about -50°C to about 150°C , preferably about -10°C to about 100°C .

The reaction time is generally about 0.5-about 20 hours.

5 **【0075】**

When E is a halogen atom or $-\text{OSO}_2\text{R}^{11}$, this reaction is carried out according to a conventional method in the presence of a base in a solvent which does not interfere with the reaction.

10 As the base, for example, alkali metal salts such as potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, sodium hydrogen carbonate, potassium carbonate and the like; amines such as pyridine, triethylamine, N,N-dimethylaniline, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene and the like; metal hydrides
15 such as potassium hydride, sodium hydride and the like; and alkaline metal alkoxides such as sodium methoxide, sodium ethoxide, potassium t.-butoxide and the like can be mentioned.

The amount of these bases to be used is preferably about 1 - about 5 molar equivalents relative to compound (III).

20 As the solvent which does not interfere with the reaction, for example, aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene and the like; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethyl ether and the like; ketones such as acetone, 2-butanone and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as
25 chloroform, dichloromethane and the like; amides such as N,N-dimethylformamide and the like; sulfoxides such as dimethyl sulfoxide and the like; and the like can be mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing at a suitable ratio.

30 The reaction temperature is generally about -50°C to about 150°C , preferably about -10°C to about 100°C .

The reaction time is generally about 0.5-about 20 hours.

The compound (I-1) thus obtained can be isolated and purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure,
35 solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase

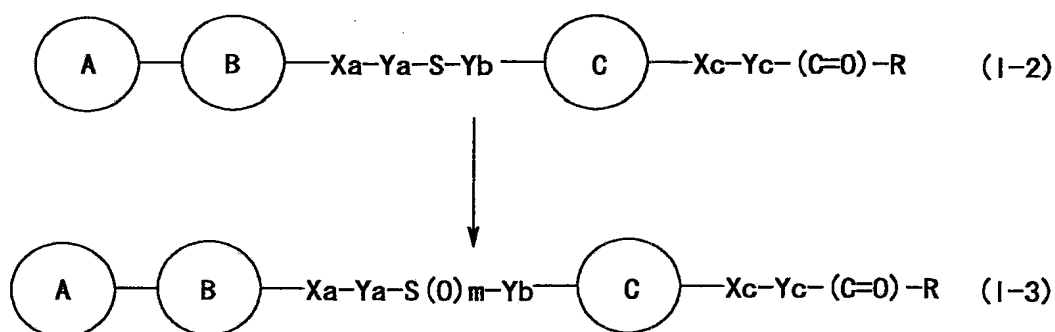
transfer, chromatography and the like.

The compound (II) and compound (III) to be used as a starting material in the above-mentioned METHOD A can be produced by, for example, a method described in WO 01/38325 and the like, or a method analogous thereto.

【0076】

The compound (I-3), having $-S(O)_m-$ (m is 1 or 2) for X_b in the formula (I), can be produced by, for example, the following METHOD B.

10 [METHOD B]



wherein the symbols in the formula are as defined above.

In this method, compound (I-2) is subjected to oxidation reaction to give compound (I-3). This reaction is generally carried out using an oxidant in a solvent which does not interfere with the reaction.

As the oxidant, for example, 3-chlorophenylperbenzoic acid, sodium periodate, hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid and the like can be mentioned.

As the solvent which does not interfere with the reaction, for example, ethers such as diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, dichloromethane and the like; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene and the like; amides such as N,N-dimethylformamide and the like; alcohols such as ethanol, methanol and the like; and the like can be mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing at a suitable ratio.

The reaction temperature is generally about -50°C to about 150°C , preferably about -10°C to about 100°C .

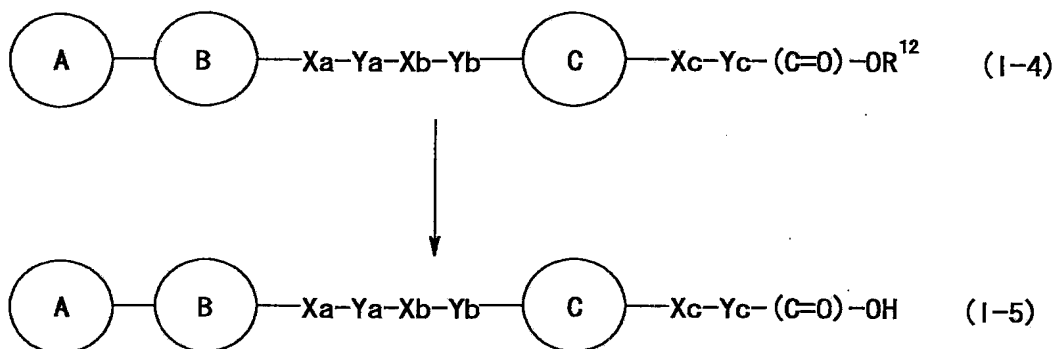
The reaction time is generally about 0.5-about 20 hours.

The compound (I-3) thus obtained can be isolated and
5 purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure, solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase transfer, chromatography and the like.

The compound (I-2) to be used as a starting material in
10 the above-mentioned METHOD B can be produced by, for example, the above-mentioned METHOD A.

【0077】

The compound (I-5), having $-\text{OH}$ for R in the formula (I),
15 [METHOD C]



wherein R^{12} is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, and other symbols are as defined above.

In this method, compound (I-4) is subjected to hydrolysis
20 reaction to give compound (I-5).

As the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" represented by the above-mentioned R^{12} , those exemplified as the aforementioned R^4 can be mentioned. R^{12} is preferably an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, more preferably
25 methyl, ethyl and the like.

This reaction is carried out according to a conventional method in the presence of an acid or base in an aqueous solvent.

As the acid, for example, inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, hydrobromic acid and the like; organic acids such as acetic acid and the like; and the like can be mentioned.

5 As the base, for example, alkaline metal carbonates such as potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate and the like; alkaline metal alkoxides such as sodium methoxide and the like; alkaline metal hydroxides such as potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide and the like; and the like
10 can be mentioned.

The amount of the acid or base to be used is generally an excess amount relative to compound (I-4). Preferably, the amount of the acid to be used is about 2 - about 50 equivalent amount relative to compound (I-4), and the amount of the base
15 to be used is about 1.2 - about 5 equivalent amount relative to compound (I-4).

As the aqueous solvent, for example, a mixed solvent of water with one or more kinds of solvent selected from alcohols such as methanol, ethanol and the like; ethers such as
20 tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethyl ether and the like; dimethyl sulfoxide, acetone and the like, and the like can be mentioned.

The reaction temperature is generally about -20°C to about 150°C, preferably about -10°C to about 100°C.

25 The reaction time is generally about 0.1-about 20 hours.

The compound (I-5) thus obtained can be isolated and purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure, solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase
30 transfer, chromatography and the like.

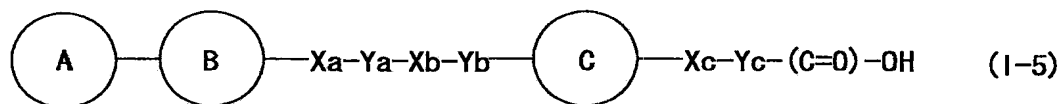
The compound (I-4) to be used as a starting material in the above-mentioned METHOD C can be produced by, for example, the above-mentioned METHOD A or METHOD B.

【0078】

35 The compound (I-6), having $-NR^5R^6$ (R^5 and R^6 are as

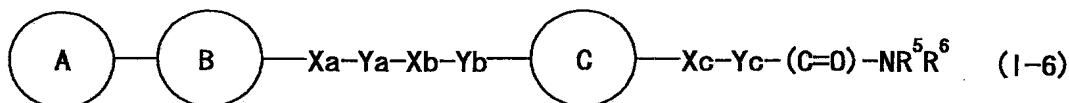
defined above) for R in the formula (I), can be also produced by, for example, the following METHOD D.

[METHOD D]



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HNR^5R^6 (IV)



wherein the symbols in the formula are as defined above.

In this method, compound (I-5) is subjected to amidation reaction to give compound (I-6). This reaction is carried out according to a method known *per se*, such as a method comprising direct condensation of compound (I-5) and compound (IV) using a condensing agent, a method comprising appropriate reaction of a reactive derivative of compound (I-5) with compound (IV) and the like. As used herein, as the reactive derivative of compound (I-5), for example, acid anhydrides, acid halides (e.g., acid chlorides, acid bromides), imidazolide, or mixed acid anhydride (e.g., anhydrides with methylcarbonate, ethylcarbonate, or isobutylcarbonate) and the like can be mentioned.

【0079】

As the aforementioned condensing agent, for example, generally known condensing agents such as carbodiimide condensing reagents (e.g., dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, diisopropylcarbodiimide, 1-ethyl-3-dimethylaminopropylcarbodiimide, hydrochloride thereof and the like); phosphoric acid condensing reagents (e.g., diethyl cyanophosphonate, diphenylphosphoryl azide and the like); carbonyldiimidazole, 2-chloro-1,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate and the like can be mentioned.

As the solvent to be used for the method using a condensing agent, for example, amides such as N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, dichloromethane
5 and the like; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene and the like; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethyl ether and the like; ethyl acetate, water and the like can be mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing at a suitable ratio.

10 The amount of compound (IV) to be used is 0.1-10 molar equivalents, preferably 0.3-3 molar equivalents, relative to compound (I-5).

The amount of the condensing agent to be used is 0.1 - 10 molar equivalents, preferably 0.3 - 3 molar equivalents,
15 relative to compound (I-5).

When a carbodiimide condensing reagent such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, diisopropylcarbodiimide, 1-ethyl-3-dimethylaminopropylcarbodiimide, hydrochloride thereof and the like is used as the condensing agent, the reaction efficiency
20 can be improved by the use of a suitable condensation promoter (e.g., 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole, 1-hydroxybenzotriazole, N-hydroxysuccinimide, N-hydroxyphthalimide and the like) as necessary. When a phosphoric acid condensing reagent such as diethyl cyanophosphonate, diphenylphosphoryl azide and the
25 like is used as the condensing agent, the reaction efficiency can be generally improved by the addition of an organic amine base such as triethylamine and the like.

The amount of the above-mentioned condensation promoter and organic amine base is 0.1-10 molar equivalents, preferably
30 0.3 - 3 molar equivalents, relative to compound (I-5).

The reaction temperature is generally -30°C to 100°C.

The reaction time is generally 0.5-60 hours.

【0080】

In the method using a reactive derivative of compound (I-
35 5), for example, an acid halide is used as the reactive

derivative of compound (I-5), the reaction is carried out in the presence of a base in a solvent which does not interfere with the reaction.

As the base, for example, amines such as triethylamine, N-methylmorpholine, N,N-dimethylaniline and the like; alkali metal salts such as sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate and the like; and the like can be mentioned.

As the solvent which does not interfere with the reaction, for example, halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, dichloromethane and the like; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene and the like; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethyl ether and the like, ethyl acetate, water and the like can be mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing at a suitable ratio.

The amount of the compound (IV) to be used is 0.1- 10 molar equivalents, preferably 0.3 - 3 molar equivalents, relative to compound (I-5).

The reaction temperature is generally -30°C to -100°C.

The reaction time is generally 0.5-20 hours.

【0081】

When a mixed acid anhydride is used as the reactive derivative of compound (I-5), moreover, compound (I-5) is reacted with a chlorocarbonic ester (e.g., methyl chlorocarbonate, ethyl chlorocarbonate, isobutyl chlorocarbonate) in the presence of a base (e.g., amines such as triethylamine, N-methylmorpholine, N,N-dimethylaniline and the like; alkali metal salt such as sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate and the like) and then reacted with compound (IV).

The amount of compound (IV) to be used is generally 0.1- 10 molar equivalents, preferably 0.3 - 3 molar equivalents, relative to compound (I-5).

The reaction temperature is generally -30°C to 100°C.

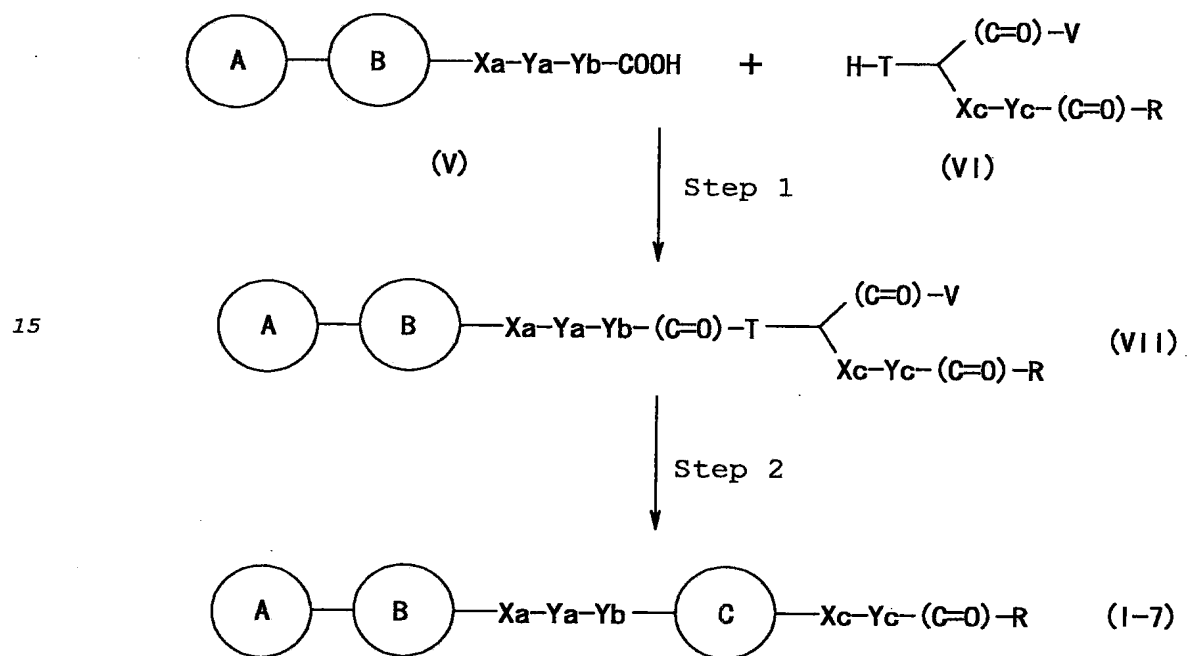
The reaction time is generally 0.5-20 hours.

The compound (I-6) thus obtained can be isolated and purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure, solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase transfer, chromatography and the like.

The compound (I-5) to be used as a starting material in the above-mentioned METHOD D can be produced by, for example, the above-mentioned METHOD A -METHOD C. In addition, a known compound is used as compound (IV).

10 **【0082】**

The compound (I-7), having a bond for Xb in the formula (I), can be produced by, for example, the following METHOD E. [METHOD E]



wherein T is -O-, -S- or -NR³- (R³ is as defined above), V is a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and other symbols are as defined above.

20 As the substituent represented by V, those exemplified as the substituent for the aforementioned ring C can be mentioned.

[Step 1]

This method is performed in the same manner as in the reaction between compound (I-5) and compound (IV) in the aforementioned METHOD D.

The compound (VII) thus obtained can be isolated and
5 purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure, solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase transfer, chromatography and the like. It is also possible to use a reaction mixture containing compound (VII) as a starting
10 material for Step 2, without isolating compound (VII).

The compound (V) to be used as a starting material in Step 1 of the above-mentioned METHOD E can be produced by, for example, a method described in WO 01/38325 and the like, or a method analogous thereto. The compound (VI) can be produced by
15 a known method.

【0083】

[Step 2]

In this method, compound (VII) is subjected to ring closure reaction to give compound (I-7).

20 This reaction is carried out according to a conventional method in the presence of an ammonium salt in a solvent which does not interfere with the reaction.

As the ammonium salt, for example, ammonium acetate and the like can be mentioned.

25 The amount of the ammonium salt to be used is generally 0.1-10 molar equivalents, preferably 0.3 - 5 molar equivalents, relative to compound (VII).

As the solvent which does not interfere with the reaction, for example, ethers such as diethyl ether,
30 tetrahydrofuran, dioxane and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as chloroform, dichloromethane and the like; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene and the like; amides such as N,N-dimethylformamide and the like; alcohols such as ethanol, methanol and the like; organic acids
35 such as acetic acid and the like; and the like can be

mentioned. These solvents may be used after mixing at a suitable ratio.

The reaction temperature is generally -50°C to about 200°C , preferably about -10°C to about 150°C .

5 The reaction time is generally about 0.5-about 20 hours.

The compound (I-7) thus obtained can be isolated and purified by a known means of separation and purification, such as concentration, concentration under reduced pressure, solvent extraction, crystallization, recrystallization, phase
10 transfer, chromatography and the like.

【0084】

In each of the aforementioned reactions, when the starting material has an amino group, a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group or a carbonyl group as a substituent, a
15 protective group generally used in the peptide chemistry and the like may be introduced into these groups. After reaction, the protective group can be removed as necessary to give the object compound.

As the amino-protecting group, those exemplified as the
20 aforementioned R^3 can be mentioned.

As the carboxyl-protecting group, for example, C_{1-6} alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl etc.), C_{7-11} aralkyl group (e.g., benzyl etc.), phenyl group, trityl group, silyl group (e.g., trimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, dimethylphenylsilyl, tert-butyldimethylsilyl, tert-butyldiethylsilyl etc.), C_{2-6} alkenyl group (e.g., 1-allyl etc.) and the like can be mentioned. These groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine etc.), C_{1-6} alkoxy
30 group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy etc.), nitro group and the like.

As the hydroxy-protecting group, those exemplified as the aforementioned R^2 can be mentioned.

Examples of the protective groups for carbonyl include
35 cyclic acetals (e.g., 1,3-dioxane etc.) and non-cyclic acetals

(e.g., di-C₁₋₆ alkyl acetals etc.).

In addition, these protective groups can be removed by a per se known method, e.g., the method described in Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, published by John Wiley and Sons
5 (1980). For example, there may be used methods employing an acid, a base, ultraviolet rays, hydrazine, phenylhydrazine, sodium N-methyldithiocarbamate, tetrabutylammonium fluoride, palladium acetate, a trialkylsilyl halide (e.g., trimethylsilyl iodide, trimethylsilyl bromide), or the like,
10 the reduction method, and the like.

【0085】

When compound (I) contains an optical isomer, a stereomer, a position isomer, or a rotation isomer, these isomers are also contained as Compound (I) and can each be
15 obtained as a single substance by means of a per se known method of synthesis or separation. For example, when an optical isomer is present in Compound (I), the optical isomer separated from said compound is also included in Compound (I).

Optical isomers can be produced by a per se known method.
20 Specifically, optical isomers are obtained by using an optically active synthesis intermediate, or optically resolving a racemate of the final product by a conventional method.

Examples of the methods of optical resolution include per
25 se known methods, such as the fractional recrystallization method, the chiral column method, and the diastereomer method.

1) Fractional recrystallization method

A method wherein a salt is formed between a racemate and an optically active compound [e.g., (+)-mandelic acid, (-)-
30 mandelic acid, (+)-tartaric acid, (-)-tartaric acid, (+)-1-phenethylamine, (-)-1-phenethylamine, cinchonine, (-)-cinchonidine, brucine], which salt is separated by fractional recrystallization, etc., and, if desired, subjected to a neutralization process, to yield a free optical isomer.

35 2) Chiral column method

A method wherein a racemate or a salt thereof is applied to a column for optical isomer separation (chiral column). In the case of liquid chromatography, for example, optical isomers are separated by adding a mixture of the optical isomers to a chiral column such as ENANTIO-OVM (produced by Tosoh Corporation) or CHIRAL series produced by DAICEL CHEMICAL IND., and developing it in water, various buffers (e.g., phosphate buffer), an organic solvent (e.g., ethanol, methanol, isopropanol, acetonitrile, trifluoroacetic acid, diethylamine etc.), or a solvent mixture thereof. In the case of gas chromatography, for example, a chiral column such as CP-Chirasil-DeX CB (produced by GL Science) is used to separate optical isomers.

3) Diastereomer method

A method wherein a racemate mixture and an optically active reagent are chemically reacted to yield a diastereomer mixture, which is then subjected to ordinary means of separation (e.g., fractional recrystallization, chromatography) to obtain single substances, which are subjected to a chemical reaction such as hydrolysis reaction to cut off the optically active reagent moiety, whereby the desired optical isomer is obtained. For example, when Compound (I) has hydroxy or primary or secondary amino in the molecule thereof, said compound, an optically active organic acid (e.g., MTPA [α -methoxy- α -(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetic acid], (-)-menthoxyacetic acid) and the like may be subjected to a condensation reaction to yield a diastereomer of an ester or amide, respectively. On the other hand, when Compound (I) has a carboxyl group, said compound and an optically active amine or an alcohol reagent may be subjected to a condensation reaction to yield a diastereomer of an amide or ester, respectively. The diastereomer thus separated is converted to an optical isomer of the original compound by subjecting it to an acid hydrolysis or basic hydrolysis reaction.

[0088]

MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

The present invention is hereinafter described in more detail by means of, but is not limited to, the following Test Examples, Reference Examples, Examples and Preparation

5 Examples.

In addition, % in the Reference Examples and Examples below means percent by weight, unless mentioned otherwise. Room temperature means the temperature of 1 to 30°C.

Abbreviations for bases, amino acids and others used in
10 the present specification are based on abbreviations specified by the IUPAC-IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature or abbreviations in common use in relevant fields. Some examples are given below. When an optical isomer may be present in amino acid, it is of the L-configuration, unless otherwise
15 mentioned.

The sequence numbers in the sequence listing in the present specification show the following respective sequences.

[SEQ ID NO:1]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PARD-U used in
20 Reference Example 1a.

[SEQ ID NO:2]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PARD-L used in Reference Example 1a.

[SEQ ID NO:3]

25 Shows the base sequence of the primer XRA-U used in Reference Example 2a.

[SEQ ID NO:4]

Shows the base sequence of the primer XRA-L used in Reference Example 2a.

30 [SEQ ID NO:5]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PPRE-U used in Reference Example 5a.

[SEQ ID NO:6]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PPRE-L used in
35 Reference Example 5a.

[SEQ ID NO:7]

Shows the base sequence of the primer TK-U used in Reference Example 5a.

[SEQ ID NO:8]

5 Shows the base sequence of the primer TK-L used in Reference Example 5a.

[SEQ ID NO:9]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PAG-U used in Reference Example 6a.

10 [SEQ ID NO:10]

Shows the base sequence of the primer PAG-L used in Reference Example 6a.

【0090】

【Example 】

15 **Test Example 1**

Hypoglycemic and hypolipidemic actions in mice

Test compounds were mixed in a powdery diet (CE-2, Japan Clea) at the concentration of 0.005 %, and freely given to KKA^y mice (9 to 12 weeks old, 5 mice in a group), a model of obese
20 and non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (type 2 diabetes mellitus), for four days. During this period, water was given freely. Blood was sampled from orbital venous plexus, and glucose and triglyceride levels in plasma separated from blood were determined enzymatically using L type Wako Glu2 (Wako
25 Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) or L type Wako TG-H (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.), respectively. The results are given in Table 1.

In the table, "hypoglycemic action (%)" means the rate of decrease (%) in the blood glucose level of the treated group
30 when the blood glucose level of the non-treated group is taken as 100%. In addition, the "hypolipidemic action (%)" means the rate of decrease (%) in the blood triglyceride level of the treated group when the blood triglyceride level of the non-treated group is taken as 100%.

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Table 1

Test compound (Example No.)	Hypoglycemic action (%)	Hypolipidemic action (%)
28	42	56
29	46	65
30	35	58
31	50	69
34	49	77
35	30	32
41	25	48
42	32	19

These results indicated that the compounds of the present invention possess excellent hypoglycemic and hypolipidemic actions, and are proved to be useful as agents for preventing or treating diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia (especially hypertriglyceridemia), impaired glucose tolerance, etc.

【0091】

Test Example 2

10 Plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index-enhancing action in mice

Test compounds were mixed in a powdery diet (CE-2, Japan Clea) at the concentration of 0.005%, and freely given to KKA^y mice (9 to 12 weeks old, 5 mice per group), a model of obese and non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (type 2 diabetes mellitus), for four days. During this period, water was given freely. Blood was sampled from orbital venous plexus and components in plasma separated from blood were determined. Total cholesterol levels were determined by using L type Wako Cholesterol (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.).

20 Precipitation reagent for HDL cholesterol (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) was added to a part of the plasma to precipitate non-HDL lipoprotein, and cholesterol (HDL cholesterol) in the resulting supernatant was determined. The plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index [(HDL cholesterol/total cholesterol)×100] was calculated by using these cholesterol levels. The results are given in Table 2.

In the Table, "Plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index-enhancing action (%)" represents the percent increase (%) of plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index in the treatment group,

when the plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index in the non-treatment group is taken as 100%.

Table 2

Test compound (Example No.)	Plasma anti- arteriosclerosis index- enhancing action (%)
22	12
28	18
29	23
30	19
31	16
34	20
35	14
41	12

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These results indicated that the compounds of the present invention possess excellent total cholesterol lowering actions, and are proved to be useful as agents for preventing or treating hyperlipidemia (especially hypercholesterolemia).
10 Additionally, the compounds of the present invention possess excellent plasma anti-arteriosclerosis index-enhancing actions, and are proved to be useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia (especially hypo-HDL-cholesterolemia), arteriosclerosis, etc.

15 **【0092】**

Test Example 3

(PPAR γ -RXR α heterodimer ligand activity)

A PPAR γ : RXR α : 4ERPP/CHO-K1 cells obtained in Reference Example 8a described later were cultured in HAM F12 medium
20 (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) containing 10% Fetal bovine serum (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) and then inoculated to a 96-well white plate (produced by Corning Costar Corporation, USA) at the density of 2×10^4 cells/well, and cultured in a CO₂ gas incubator at 37°C
25 overnight.

After removing the medium from 96 well white plate, 80 μ l of HAM F12 medium containing 0.1% fatty acid-free bovine serum albumin (BSA) and 20 μ l of test compound were added, which was

cultured in a CO₂ gas incubator at 37°C for 18-48 hours. After removing the medium, 40 µl of PIKKAGENE 7.5 (produced by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) diluted twice with HBSS (HANKS' BALANCED SALT SOLUTION) (produced by BIO WHITTAKER Inc., USA), was added. After stirring, the luciferase activity was determined using 1420 ARVO Multilabel Counter (produced by PerkinElmer Inc., USA).

A fold induction was calculated based on the luciferase activity of each test compound by taking the luciferase activity in the non-treatment group as 1. The values of the test compound concentration and the fold induction were analyzed using PRISM (produced by GraphPad Software Inc. USA) to calculate the EC₅₀ values, the effective concentration of a test compound for 50% of the maximum fold induction. The results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3

Test compound (Example No.)	EC ₅₀ (nM)
24	38
28	35
29	160
30	210
31	35
41	77
42	19
43	53
58	43
77	21

These results indicated that the compounds of the present invention have potent PPAR_γ-RXR_α heterodimer ligand activity.

【0093】

Test example 4

(PPAR_δ-RXR_α heterodimer ligand activity)

The transformant obtained in Reference Example 9a was suspended in DMEM medium (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) containing 0.1% fatty acid-free bovine serum albumin (BSA) (produced by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.), and inoculate to each well of a 96-well white plate (produced by

Corning Costar Corporation, USA) by 80 μ l at 1×10^4 cells/well. Then the test compound (20 μ l) was added and cultured at 37°C under 5% CO₂ for 36-48 hours. After removing the medium from the 96-well white plate, 40 μ l of PIKKAGENE LT 7.5 (produced by
 5 Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) diluted twice with HBSS (HANKS' BALANCED SALT SOLUTION) (produced by BIO WHITTAKER Inc., USA), was added. After stirring, the luciferase activity was determined using 1420 ARVO Multilabel Counter (produced by PerkinElmer Inc., USA).

10 A fold induction was calculated based on the luciferase activity of each test compound by taking the luciferase activity in the non-treatment group as 1. The values of the test compound concentration and the fold induction were analyzed using PRISM (produced by GraphPad Software Inc. USA)
 15 to calculate the EC₅₀ values, the effective concentration of a test compound for 50 % of the maximum fold induction. The results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4

Test compound (Example No.)	EC ₅₀ (nM)
22	8.6
24	9.3
30	2.6
31	9.6
34	8.1
35	1.6
42	1.9
43	3.7
44	3.9
46	6.4
49	1.7
51	3.9
56	2.8
58	1.9
59	9.7
62	0.81
63	9.5
65	1.8
75	3.8
76	1.9
85	6.0
86	1.5
91	6.0
92	1.9
94	4.0
96	1.7

These results indicated that the compounds of the present invention have potent PPAR δ -RXR α heterodimer ligand activity.

【0094】

5 **Reference Example 1a**

(Human PPAR δ gene cloning)

A human PPAR δ gene was cloned using a pancreas cDNA (produced by Toyobo Co., Ltd., trade name: QUICK-Clone cDNA) as a template by means of a PCR method employing a primer set shown below which was prepared with reference to the base sequence of PPAR δ gene reported by Schmidt, A. et al (Mol. Endocrinol., 1992, Vol. 6, page 1634 - 1641).

PARD-U;5'-AAC GGT ACC TCA GCC ATG GAG CAG CCT CAG GAG G-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 1)

15 PARD-L;5'-TAA GTC GAC CCG TTA GTA CAT GTC CTT GTA GAT C-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 2)

The PCR reaction was performed by Hot Start method using AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKAEA SHUZO CO., LTD.). First, 2 μ l of 10 \times LA PCR Buffer, 3 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 20 2.5 μ l each of 12.5 μ M primer solutions and 10 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a bottom layer solution mixture. 1 μ l of human heart cDNA (1 Ng/ml) as a template, 3 μ l of 10 \times LA PCR Buffer, 1 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 0.5 μ l of TaKaRa LA Taq DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) and 24.5 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to 25 obtain a top layer solution mixture.

To the prepared bottom layer solution mixture, added was one unit of AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.), which was treated at 70°C for 5 minutes and then in 30 ice for 5 minutes. Then, the top layer solution mixture was added to the mixture to prepare the reaction mixture of PCR. A tube containing the reaction mixture was set on a thermal cycler (produced by Perkin Elmer, USA) and treated at 95°C for 2 minutes. After repeating the cycle of 95°C for 15 seconds 35 and 68°C for 2 minutes a further 45 times, the tube was treated

at 72°C for 8 minutes.

The PCR product thus obtained was subjected to electrophoresis on agarose gel (1%), and 1.4 kb DNA fragment containing PPAR δ gene was recovered from the gel, and then
5 inserted into pT7 Blue-T vector (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain a plasmid pTBT-hPPAR δ .

Reference Example 2a

(Human RXR α gene cloning)

A human RXR α gene was cloned using a kidney cDNA
10 (produced by Toyobo Co., Ltd., trade name: QUICK-Clone cDNA) as a template by means of a PCR method employing a primer set shown below which was prepared with reference to the base sequence of RXR α gene reported by Mangelsdorf, D. J. et al (Nature, 1990, Vol. 345 (6272), page 224 - 229).

15 XRA-U: 5'-TTA GAA TTC GAC ATG GAC ACC AAA CAT TTC CTG-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 3)

XRA-L: 5'-CCC CTC GAG CTA AGT CAT TTG GTG CGG CGC CTC-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 4)

The PCR reaction was performed by Hot Start method using
20 AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.). First, 2 μ l of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 3 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 2.5 μ l each of 12.5 μ M primer solutions and 10 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a bottom layer solution mixture. 1 μ l of human kidney cDNA (1 ng/ml) as a template, 3
25 μ l of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 1 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 0.5 μ l of TaKaRa LA Taq DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) and 24.5 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a top layer solution mixture.

To the bottom layer solution mixture described above,
30 added was one unit of AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.), which was treated at 70°C for 5 minutes and then in ice for 5 minutes. Then, the top layer solution mixture was added to the mixture to prepare the reaction mixture of PCR. A tube containing the reaction mixture was set
35 on a thermal cycler (produced by Perkin Elmer, USA) and

treated at 95°C for 2 minutes. After repeating the cycle of 95°C for 15 seconds and 68°C for 2 minutes a further 35 times, the tube was treated at 72°C for 8 minutes.

The PCR product thus obtained was subjected to
5 electrophoresis on agarose gel (1%), and 1.4 kb DNA fragment containing RXR α gene was recovered from the gel, and then inserted into pT7 Blue-T vector (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain a plasmid pTBT-hRXR α .

【0095】

10 **Reference Example 3a** (Construction of plasmids for expressing Human PPAR δ)

pCI vector (produced by Promega, USA) was digested with BamHI (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) and then treated with T4 DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to
15 obtain a blunt terminal. On the other hand, pGFP-C1 (produced by Toyobo Co., Ltd.) was digested with Bsu36I (produced by Daiichi Pure Chemicals CO., LTD.) and then treated with T4 DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to form a blunt terminal, the both DNA fragments were ligated using DNA
20 Ligation kit (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain the plasmid pMCMVneo. A 5.6 Kb KpnI-SalI fragment of plasmid pMCMVneo was ligated to a 1.3 kb KpnI-SalI fragment containing hPPAR δ gene of plasmid pTBT-hPPAR δ described in Reference Example 1a to construct a plasmid pMCMVneo-hPPAR δ .

25 【0096】

Reference Example 4a (Construction of plasmids for expressing Human RXR α)

A 5.6Kb EcoRI-SalI fragment of plasmid pMCMVneo described in Reference Example 3a was ligated to a 1.4kb EcoRI-XhoI
30 fragment containing hRXR α gene of plasmid pTBT-hRXR α described in Reference Example 2a to prepare plasmid pMCMVneo-hRXR α .

【0097】

Reference Example 5a

(Construction of reporter plasmids)

35 A DNA fragment containing PPAR-responding element (PPRE)

of an acyl CoA oxidase was prepared using the following 5'-terminal phosphorylated synthetic DNA.

PPRE-U: 5'-pTCGACAGGGGACCAGGACAAAGGTCACGTTCTGGGAG-3' (Sequence ID Number: 5)

5 PPRE-L: 5'-pTCGACTCCCGAACGTGACCTTTGTCCTGGTCCCCTG-3' (Sequence ID Number: 6)

First, PPRE-U and PPRE-L were annealed and inserted to Sal I site of plasmid pBlue Script SK+. By determining the base sequence of the inserted fragment, plasmid pBSS-PPRE4 in
10 which 4 PPREs were ligated in tandem was selected.

A HSV thymidine kinase minimum promoter (TK promoter) region was cloned using pRL-TK vector (produced by Promega, USA) as a template by means of a PCR method employing a primer set shown below which was prepared with reference to the base
15 sequence of the promoter region of thymidine kinase reported by Luckow, B et al (Nucleic Acids Res., 1987, Vol. 15 (13), p.5490)

TK-U: 5'-CCCAGATCTCCCCAGCGTCTTGTCATTG-3' (Sequence ID Number: 7)

20 TK-L: 5'-TCACCATGGTCAAGCTTTTAAGCGGGTC-3' (Sequence ID Number: 8)

The PCR reaction was performed by Hot Start method using AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.). First, 2 µl of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 3 µl of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 2.5 µl each of
25 12.5 µM primer solutions and 10 µl of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a bottom layer solution mixture. 1 µl of pRL-TK vector (produced by Promega, USA) as a template, 3 µl of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 1 µl of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 0.5 µl of TaKaRa LA Taq DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO.,
30 LTD.) and 24.5 µl of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a top layer solution mixture.

To the bottom layer solution mixture described above, added was one unit of AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.), which was treated at 70°C for 5 minutes and
35 then in ice for 5 minutes. Then, the top layer solution

mixture was added to the mixture to prepare the reaction mixture of PCR. A tube containing the reaction mixture was set on a thermal cycler (produced by Perkin Elmer, USA) and treated at 95°C for 2 minutes. After repeating the cycle of 5 95°C for 15 seconds and 68°C for 2 minutes a further 35 times, the tube was treated at 72°C for 8 minutes.

The PCR product thus obtained was subjected to electrophoresis on agarose gel (1%), and 140 b DNA fragment containing TK promoter was recovered from the gel, and then 10 inserted into pT7 Blue-T vector (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.). By digesting the plasmid thus obtained with the restriction enzymes Bgl II and NcoI, a fragment containing TK promoter was obtained, which was ligated to the Bgl II-NcoI fragment of plasmid pGL3-Basic vector (produced by Promega, 15 USA) to obtain plasmid pGL3-TK.

A 4.9 kb NheI-XhoI fragment of plasmid pGL3-TK thus obtained was ligated to a 200 bp NheI-XhoI fragment of plasmid pBSS-PPRE4 to obtain plasmid pGL3-4ERPP-TK.

This plasmid pGL3-4ERPP-TK was digested with BamHI 20 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) and then treated with T4DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to form a blunt terminal, whereby obtaining a DNA fragment.

On the other hand, pGFP-C1 (produced by Toyobo Co., Ltd.) was digested with Bsu36I (NEB) and then treated with T4DNA 25 polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to form a blunt terminal, whereby obtaining a 1.6 kb of a DNA fragment. The both DNA fragments were ligated to construct a reporter plasmid pGL3-4ERPP-TK neo.

【0098】

30 **Reference Example 6a**

(Human PPAR_γ gene cloning)

A human PPAR_γ gene was cloned using a heart cDNA (produced by Toyobo Co., Ltd., trade name: QUICK-Clone cDNA) as a template by means of a PCR method employing a primer set 35 shown below which was prepared with reference to the base

sequence of PPAR γ gene reported by Greene et al (Gene Expr., 1995, Vol.4 (4-5), page 281 - 299).

PAG-U: 5'-GTG GGT ACC GAA ATG ACC ATG GTT GAC ACA GAG-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 9)

5 PAG-L: 5'-GGG GTC GAC CAG GAC TCT CTG CTA GTA CAA GTC-3'
(Sequence ID Number: 10)

The PCR reaction was performed by Hot Start method using AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.). First, 2 μ l of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 3 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 10 2.5 μ l each of 12.5 μ M primer solutions and 10 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a bottom layer solution mixture. 1 μ l of human heart cDNA (1 ng/ml) as a template, 3 μ l of 10xLA PCR Buffer, 1 μ l of 2.5 mM dNTP solution, 0.5 μ l of TaKaRa LA Taq DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., 15 LTD.) and 24.5 μ l of sterilized distilled water were mixed to obtain a top layer solution mixture.

To the bottom layer solution mixture described above, added was one unit of AmpliWax PCR Gem 100 (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.), which was treated at 70°C for 5 minutes and 20 then in ice for 5 minutes. Then the top layer solution mixture was added to the mixture to prepare the reaction mixture of PCR. A tube containing the reaction mixture was set on a thermal cycler (produced by Perkin Elmer, USA) and treated at 95°C for 2 minutes. After repeating the cycle of 95°C for 15 25 seconds and 68°C for 2 minutes a further 35 times, the tube was treated at 72°C for 8 minutes.

The PCR product thus obtained was subjected to electrophoresis on agarose gel (1%), and 1.4 kb DNA fragment containing PPAR γ gene was recovered from the gel, and then 30 inserted into pT7 Blue-T vector (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain a plasmid pTBT-hPPAR γ .

【0099】

Reference Example 7a

(Construction of plasmids for expressing Human PPAR γ , RXR α)

35 A 7.8 kb FspI-NotI fragment of plasmid pVgRXR (produce by

Invitrogen, USA) was ligated to a 0.9 kb FspI-NotI fragment containing RXR α gene of plasmid pTBT-hRXR α obtained in Reference Example 2a to prepare plasmid pVgRXR2. Then, pVgRXR2 was digested with BstXI and then treated with T4DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain a blunt terminal. Then digestion at KpnI gave a 6.5 kb DNA fragment. On the other hand, plasmid pTBT-hPPAR γ obtained in Reference Example 6a was digested with Sal I and then treated with T4DNA polymerase (produced by TAKARA SHUZO CO., LTD.) to obtain a blunt terminal. Then digestion at KpnI gave a 1.4 kb DNA fragment containing human PPAR γ gene.

The both DNA fragments were ligated to construct plasmid pVgRXR2-hPPAR γ .

【0100】

15 **Reference Example 8a**

(Introduction of plasmids for expressing Human PPAR γ and RXR α , and reporter plasmid into CHO-K1 cell and establishment of expressed cell)

After a CHO-K1 cell cultured in a 150cm² cell culture flask (750 ml) (produced by Corning Costar Corporation, USA) containing HAM F12 medium (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) was scraped by treating with 0.5 g/L trypsin-0.2 g/L EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid) (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA), the cell was washed with PBS (phosphate-buffered saline) (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA), centrifuged (1000 rpm, 5 minutes), and then suspended in PBS. Subsequently, a DNA was introduced into the cell under the condition shown below using GENE PULSER (produced by Bio-Rad Laboratories, USA).

Namely, to a cuvette having a 0.4 cm gap, added were 8 \times 10⁶ cells and 10 μ g of plasmid pVgRXR2-hPPAR γ obtained in Reference Example 7a and 10 μ g of reporter plasmid pGL3-4ERPP-TK neo obtained in Reference Example 5a, which was subjected to electroporation at the voltage of 0.25 kV under the

capacitance of 960 μ F. Subsequently, the cell was transferred into a HAM F12 medium containing 10% Fetal Bovine Serum and cultured for 24 hours and then the cell was scraped again and centrifuged, and then suspended in HAM F12 medium containing 5 10% Fetal Bovine Serum supplemented with 500 μ g/ml of GENETICIN (produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) and 250 μ g/ml of ZEOCIN (produced by Invitrogen, USA). The obtained suspension was diluted to the density of 10^4 cells/ml and inoculated to a 96-well plate (produced by Corning Costar Corporation, USA), 10 which was cultured in a CO₂ gas incubator at 37°C, whereby obtaining a GENETICIN- and ZEOCIN-resistant transformant.

Subsequently, after the transformant cell line thus obtained was cultured in a 24-well plate (produced by Corning Costar Corporation, USA), selected was a cell line in which 15 the luciferase was expressed and induced, i.e., PPAR γ :RXR α :4ERPP/CHO-K1 cell by addition of 10 μ M of pioglitazone hydrochloride.

【0101】

Reference Example 9a

20 (Introduction of plasmids for expressing Human PPAR δ and RXR α , and reporter plasmid into COS-1 cell and establishment of transformant)

COS-1 cells were inoculated to a 150cm² cell culture flask (produced by Corning Costar Corporation, USA) at the 25 density of 5×10^6 cells/50 ml, and cultured at 37°C under 5%CO₂ conditions for 24 hours. Subsequently, a DNA was introduced into the cell under the condition shown below using Lipofectamine (produced by Invitrogen, USA).

First, Lipofectamine (125 μ l), PLUS Reagent (100 μ l, 30 produced by Invitrogen, USA), plasmid pMCMVneo-hPPAR δ (2.5 μ g) obtained in Reference Example 3a, plasmid pMCMVneo-hRXR α (2.5 μ g) obtained in Reference Example 4a and reporter plasmid pGL3-4ERPP-TK neo (5 μ g) obtained in Reference Example 5a, and pRL-tk (5 μ g, produced by Promega, USA) were mixed with opti-MEM (5 35 ml, produced by Invitrogen, USA) to give a transfection

mixture.

Then, the above-mentioned transfection mixture and opti-MEM (20 ml) were added to COS-1 cells washed with opti-MEM, and the cells were cultured at 37°C under 5% CO₂ conditions for 3 hours. DMEM medium (25 ml, produced by Life Technologies, Inc., USA) containing 0.1% fatty acid-free bovine serum albumin (BSA) (produced by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) was added to the obtained COS-1 cells, and the cells were cultured at 37°C under 5% CO₂ conditions for 18-24 hours to give a transformant.

[0102]

Reference Example 1

To a mixture of N-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenecarboximidoyl chloride (11.00 g), 4-pentyn-1-ol (4.98 g) and tetrahydrofuran (150 ml) was dropwise added a solution (10 ml) of triethylamine (10 ml) in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propanol (10.68 g, yield 80%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 59-60°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (1H, br t), 1.92-2.14 (2H, m), 2.88-3.05 (2H, m), 3.68-3.86 (2H, m), 6.37 (1H, s), 7.66-7.76 (2H, m), 7.87-7.97 (2H, m).

Reference Example 2

To a mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propanol (9.68 g), triethylamine (6.5 ml) and ethyl acetate (150 ml), was dropwise added a solution (10 ml) of methanesulfonyl chloride (3.3 ml) in ethyl acetate at 0°C

and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and
5 then saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (11.78 g, yield 94%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction
10 eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).
 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.96-2.10 (2H, m), 2.86-2.96 (2H, m), 3.16 (3H, s), 4.24-4.34 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 7.65-7.76 (2H, m), 7.86-7.97 (2H, m).

Reference Example 3

15 A mixture of 3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid (29.55 g), benzyl bromide (35 ml), potassium carbonate (40.99 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred overnight at 90°C. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl
20 acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and benzyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (51.33 g, yield 92%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted
25 with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).
 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 5.20 (2H, s), 5.27 (2H, s), 6.49 (1H, s), 7.18-7.47 (15H, m).

【0103】

Reference Example 4

30 A mixture of benzyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (50.88 g), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (200 ml), tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) and ethanol (200 ml) was refluxed at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (200 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl
35 acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated

aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid (36.91 g, yield 95%). The crystals were
5 recrystallized from acetone-isopropyl ether. melting point: 163-164°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 5.27 (2H, s), 6.52 (1H, s), 7.30-7.50 (10H, m).

Reference Example 5

10 A mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid (33.00 g), iodomethane (8.5 ml), potassium carbonate (18.88 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with
15 ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (33.48 g, yield 97%) was obtained as colorless
20 crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 53-54°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.77 (3H, s), 5.28 (2H, s), 6.44 (1H, s), 7.32-7.49 (10H, m).

25 Reference Example 6

A mixture of methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (15.00 g), 5% palladium-carbon (10.92 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed
30 by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (10.30 g, yield 97%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals
35 were recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran-isopropyl ether.

melting point: 227-228°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.77 (3H, s), 6.32 (1H, s), 7.35-7.54 (5H, m), 10.77 (1H, br s).

【0104】

5 **Reference Example 7**

To a mixture of methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (14.53 g) and tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was slowly added lithium aluminum hydride (1.79 g) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. To the
10 reaction mixture was slowly added sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (15.20 g) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-
15 benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (11.65 g, yield 88%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 87-88°C.

20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.79 (1H, t, J=6.0 Hz), 4.61 (2H, d, J=6.0 Hz), 5.28 (2H, s), 5.94 (1H, s), 7.30-7.60 (10H, m).

Reference Example 8

A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (11.20 g), activated manganese dioxide (30.00 g)
25 and tetrahydrofuran (300 ml), was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (10.10 g, yield 91%) was obtained
30 as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 5.31 (2H, s), 6.51 (1H, s), 7.32-7.52 (10H, m), 9.78 (1H, s).

Reference Example 9

35 To a mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-

carbaldehyde (6.24 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (5.55 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 960 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured
5 into water, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-
10 benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (7.33 g, yield 94%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.30 (3H, t, J=6.8 Hz), 4.23 (2H, q, J=6.8 Hz), 5.29 (2H s), 6.18 (1H, s), 6.33 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz), 7.28-
15 7.55 (10H, m).

【0105】

Reference Example 10

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (7.33 g), 5% palladium-carbon (7.11 g)
20 and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (4.85
25 g, yield 89%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from acetone-hexane. melting point: 150-151°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.23 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.52-2.60 (2H, m),
30 2.86-2.94 (2H, m), 4.11 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 5.59 (1H, s), 7.33-7.51 (5H, m).

Reference Example 11

A mixture of methyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (1.45 g), benzyl bromide (1.16 ml), potassium
35 carbonate (1.54 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was

stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (2.20 g, yield 96%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.86 (3H, s), 4.05 (3H, s), 5.19 (2H, s), 6.21 (1H, s), 7.27-7.50 (5H, m).

Reference Example 12

To a mixture of methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (9.60 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was slowly added lithium aluminum hydride (890 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. To the reaction mixture was slowly added sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (8.43 g) at 0°C , and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (8.52 g, quantitative) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.72 (1H, br s), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.58 (2H, d, $J=6.2$ Hz), 5.16 (2H, s), 5.64 (1H, s), 7.27-7.50 (5H, m).

【0106】

Reference Example 13

A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (9.40 g), activated manganese dioxide (29.10 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (6.05 g, yield 65%) was obtained as

colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 49.5-50.5°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 4.05 (3H, s), 5.22 (2H, s), 6.25 (1H, s),
5 7.26-7.51 (5H, m), 9.73 (1H, s).

Reference Example 14

To a mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (3.05 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (3.25 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride
10 (60%, in oil, 575 mg) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
15 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (3.34 g, yield 83%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.33 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 4.26 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 5.18 (2H, s), 5.95 (1H, s), 6.27 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz), 7.27-7.53 (6H, m).

Reference Example 15

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (730 mg), 10% palladium-carbon (73 mg) and methanol (15 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give ethyl
30 3-(3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (440 mg, yield 87%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 132-135°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.26 (3H, t, J=6.9 Hz), 2.59-2.66 (2H, m), 2.80-2.87 (2H, m), 3.61 (3H, s), 4.15 (2H, q, J=6.9 Hz), 5.39
35 (1H, s).

【0107】

Reference Example 16

A mixture of ethyl 3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (23.10 g), 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (25.09 g),
5 potassium carbonate (19.00 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred overnight at 100°C. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and
10 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (40.22 g, yield 97%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were
15 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 88-89°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.38 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.57 (3H, s), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 8.05 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 9.3 Hz), 8.10 (1H, d, J=9.3 Hz), 8.64-8.72 (1H, m), 9.00 (1H, s).

20 Reference Example 17

To a solution of ethyl 3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (35.19 g) in tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (360 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and
25 the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
30 gel column chromatography, and {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (29.33 g, yield 97%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
35 melting point: 157-158°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.46 (1H, t, J=5.4 Hz), 2.39 (3H, s), 4.64 (2H, d, J=5.4 Hz), 7.98-8.04 (2H, m), 8.49 (1H, s), 8.60-8.66 (1H, m).

Reference Example 18

5 To a mixture of N-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenecarboximidoyl chloride (13.11 g), 5-hexyn-1-ol (5.88 g) and tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was dropwise added a solution (50 ml) of triethylamine (17 ml) in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room
10 temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and
15 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (13.92 g, yield 83%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 68-69°C.
20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.60-1.98 (4H, m), 2.80-2.95 (2H, m), 3.66-3.78 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 7.66-7.76 (2H, m), 7.86-7.96 (2H, m).

【0108】

Reference Example 19

25 To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (7.00 g), triethylamine (4 ml) and ethyl acetate (180 ml), was dropwise added a solution (20 ml) of methanesulfonyl chloride (2 ml) in ethyl acetate at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The
30 reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and then saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel
35 column chromatography, and 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-

isoxazolyl)-1-butyl methanesulfonate (8.42 g, yield 95%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.78-2.04 (4H, m), 2.82-2.94 (2H, m), 3.14
5 (3H, s), 4.22-4.34 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 7.65-7.76 (2H, m), 7.86-7.97 (2H, m).

Reference Example 20

A mixture of ethyl 3-isopropyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (5.00 g), 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (4.95 g),
10 potassium carbonate (3.80 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was stirred overnight at 100°C. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and
15 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (8.61 g, yield 96%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were
20 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 94-95°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.32-1.44 (9H, m), 3.52-3.68 (1H, m), 4.33 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 8.03 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.8 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.68 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 8.98 (1H, s).

25 Reference Example 21

To a solution of ethyl 3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (8.50 g) in tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (60 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C,
30 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
35 gel column chromatography, and {3-isopropyl-1-[5-

(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (7.20 g, yield 97%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

5 melting point: 119-120°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.36 (6H, d, J=6.8 Hz), 1.45 (1H, t, J=5.6 Hz), 3.05-3.24 (1H, m), 4.67 (2H, d, J=5.6 Hz), 7.92-8.10 (2H, m), 8.49 (1H, s), 8.59-8.67 (1H, m).

【0109】

10 **Reference Example 22**

A mixture of {3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (5.85 g), activated manganese dioxide (15.44 g) and tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material
15 was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (5.22 g, yield 90%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4,
20 volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 89-90°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.38 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 3.42-3.59 (1H, m), 8.06 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.4 Hz), 8.15 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 8.70 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 9.04 (1H, s), 10.06 (1H, s).

25 **Reference Example 23**

To a mixture of 3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (5.00 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (4.05 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 730 mg) at 0°C and
30 the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue
35 was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl

(E)-3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propenoate (5.93 g, yield 95%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized
5 from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 112-113°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.34 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.37 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 3.14-3.32 (1H, m), 4.26 (2H, q, J=7.4 Hz), 6.29 (1H, d, J=16.0 Hz), 7.63 (1H, d, J=16.0 Hz), 7.96-8.15 (2H, m), 8.63-8.69 (1H, m), 8.75 (1H, s).

10 **Reference Example 24**

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propenoate (5.80 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.35 g) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen
15 atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propionate (5.82 g, quantitative) was obtained as a colorless oil from a
20 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.27 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.33 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 2.58-3.16 (6H, m), 4.16 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 7.90-8.06 (2H, m), 8.26-8.33 (1H, m), 8.56-8.64 (1H, m).

【0110】

25 **Reference Example 25**

To a solution of ethyl 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propionate (5.82 g) in tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (40 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C,
30 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
35 gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-

(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (4.50 g, yield 88%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

5 melting point: 87-88°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.33 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 1.82-2.02 (2H, m), 2.53-2.68 (2H, m), 2.95-3.16 (1H, m), 3.68-3.84 (2H, m), 7.90-8.08 (2H, m), 8.28 (1H, s), 8.57-8.64 (1H, m).

Reference Example 26

10 To a solution of methyl 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (1.90 g) in tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (15 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture
15 was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
20 gel column chromatography, and (3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (1.70 g, yield 96%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).

25 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.36 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 3.04-3.27 (1H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.59 (2H, s), 5.13 (2H, s), 5.64 (1H, s), 7.97 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.8 Hz), 8.06 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.56 (1H, s), 8.60-8.64 (1H, m).

Reference Example 27

30 A mixture of (3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (1.70 g), activated manganese dioxide (5.11 g) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration
35 and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected

to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (1.41 g, yield 83%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 112-113°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.37 (6H, d, J=6.8 Hz), 3.07-3.25 (1H, m), 4.06 (3H, s), 5.18 (2H, s), 6.25 (1H, s), 7.98 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.4 Hz), 8.07 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 8.58 (1H, s), 8.60-8.65 (1H, m), 9.75 (1H, s).

【0111】

Reference Example 28

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (12.98 g), 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (11.10 g), potassium carbonate (12.33 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (150 ml) was stirred overnight at 100°C. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. To a solution of the residue in tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (140 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (6.10 g, yield 32%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 85-86°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.44 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.65 (1H, br t), 1.80-1.94 (2H, m), 2.54 (2H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 3.64-3.78 (2H, m), 4.38

(2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 7.82 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.91 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.7 Hz), 8.19 (1H, s), 8.53-8.59 (1H, m).

Reference Example 29

To a solution of methyl 1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-
5 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (4.74 g) in tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (30 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into
10 dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-
15 pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (4.18 g, yield 88%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 128-129°C.
20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.58 (1H, t, J=5.7 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 4.59 (2H, d, J=5.7 Hz), 5.10 (2H, s), 5.63 (1H, s), 7.94-8.06 (2H, m), 8.56 (1H, s), 8.58-8.67 (1H, m).

Reference Example 30

A mixture of (1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-
25 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)methanol (4.00 g), activated manganese dioxide (12.18 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was
30 subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (3.39 g, yield 85%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were
35 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 130-

131°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.41 (3H, s), 4.06 (3H, s), 5.16 (2H, s), 6.25 (1H, s), 7.93-8.08 (2H, m), 8.59 (1H, s), 8.60-8.67 (1H, m).

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5 Reference Example 31

A mixture of ethyl 3-propyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (25.88 g), 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (25.14 g), potassium carbonate (34.11 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred overnight at 100°C. The reaction mixture was
10 poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
15 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (38.45 g, yield 85%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 102-103°C.

20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.03 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.38 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.66-1.88 (2H, m), 2.86-3.00 (2H, m), 4.33 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 7.99-8.16 (2H, m), 8.65-8.72 (1H, m), 8.99 (1H, s).

Reference Example 32

To a solution of ethyl 3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
25 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (36.41 g) in tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (250 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and
30 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and {3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (30.22 g,
35 yield 95%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction

eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

melting point: 120-121°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.03 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.45 (1H, t, J=5.4 Hz), 1.65-1.88 (2H, m), 2.65-2.77 (2H, m), 4.64 (2H, d, J=5.4 Hz), 7.93-8.08 (2H, m), 8.49 (1H, s), 8.61-8.66 (1H, m).

Reference Example 33

A mixture of {3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (10.00 g), activated manganese dioxide (29.48 g) and tetrahydrofuran (300 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (8.87 g, yield 89%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 52-53°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.03 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.68-1.89 (2H, m), 2.88-3.02 (2H, m), 8.07 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.8 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.67-8.74 (1H, m), 9.04 (1H, s), 10.04 (1H, s).

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Reference Example 34

To a mixture of 3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (8.70 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (8.25 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 1.45 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propenoate (10.14 g, yield 93%) was obtained as colorless

crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 104-105°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.04 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.34 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz),
5 1.67-1.89 (2H, m), 2.78 (2H, t, J=7.6 Hz), 4.27 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.27 (1H, d, J=16.2 Hz), 7.60 (1H, d, J=16.2 Hz), 7.97-8.11 (2H, m), 8.64-8.68 (1H, m), 8.75 (1H, s).

Reference Example 35

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-propyl-1-[5-
10 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propenoate (10.00 g), 5% palladium-carbon (3.03 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
15 gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (9.36 g, 93%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
20 melting point: 73-74°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.02 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.62-1.86 (2H, m), 2.56-2.68 (4H, m), 2.75-2.86 (2H, m), 4.16 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 7.91-8.04 (2H, m), 8.30 (1H, s), 8.58-8.64 (1H, m).

25 Reference Example 36

To a solution of ethyl 3-(3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (9.10 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (60 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C,
30 and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
35 gel column chromatography, and 3-(3-propyl-1-[5-

(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (7.61 g, yield 95%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

5 melting point: 96-97°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.02 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.32 (1H, br t), 1.64-1.99 (4H, m), 2.50-2.68 (4H, m), 3.68-3.80 (2H, m), 7.91-8.05 (2H, m), 8.29 (1H, s), 8.58-8.63 (1H, m).

【0114】

10 **Reference Example 37**

A mixture of ethyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (25.50 g), benzyl bromide (17.8 ml), potassium carbonate (31.10 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (250 ml) was stirred overnight at 50°C. The reaction mixture was poured
15 into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-
20 pyrazole-4-carboxylate (31.90 g, yield 82%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 66-67°C.

Reference Example 38

25 To a solution of ethyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (18.00 g) in tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was added lithium aluminum hydride (2.62 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (22.20 g) was added to the reaction mixture, and the
30 mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol (23.90 g, yield 91%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction
35 eluted with ethyl acetate.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.74 (1H, t, J=5.4 Hz), 3.72 (3H, s), 4.47 (2H, d, J=5.4 Hz), 5.24 (2H, s), 7.17 (1H, s), 7.28-7.47 (5H, m).

Reference Example 39

5 A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol (18.40 g), activated manganese dioxide (40.00 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 9 hours. Manganese dioxide was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to
10 silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (14.80 g, yield 81%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (2:1, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.78 (3H, s), 5.32 (2H, s), 7.29-7.50 (5H, m),
15 7.69 (1H, s), 9.76 (1H, s).

【0115】

Reference Example 40

To a mixture of potassium t-butoxide (2.24 g) and dimethoxyethane (10 ml) was added a solution of p-
20 toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide (2.05 g) in dimethoxyethane (10 ml) at -78°C and the mixture was stirred for 5 minutes. Then a solution of 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (2.16 g) in dimethoxyethane (10 ml) was added. After stirring at the same temperature for 1 hour, the mixture
25 was stirred for 1 hour while raising the temperature to room temperature. To the obtained mixture was added methanol (380 ml), and mixture was refluxed for 1 hour. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl
30 acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetonitrile (1.86 g, yield 82%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted
35 with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.43 (2H, s), 3.74 (3H, s), 5.22 (2H, s), 7.21 (1H, s), 7.29-7.47 (5H, m).

Reference Example 41

A mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetone (12.0 g), 4N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (100 ml), tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) and ethanol (100 ml) was refluxed for 21 hours. After cooling, the mixture was neutralized with dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the residue, methyl iodide (4.95 ml), potassium carbonate (14.7 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetate (12.2 g, yield 88%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.41 (2H, s), 3.68 (3H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 5.22 (2H, s), 7.19 (1H, s), 7.30-7.46 (5H, m).

Reference Example 42

A mixture of methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetate (12.2 g), 5% palladium-carbon (25.0 g), tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) and ethanol (100 ml) was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 5 hours. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give methyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetate (6.33 g, yield 79%) as colorless crystals. The crystals were recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran-hexane. melting point: 118-119°C.

【0116】

Reference Example 43

A mixture of ethyl 3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (7.76 g), benzyl bromide (3.97 ml), potassium carbonate (6.91 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (75 ml) was stirred overnight at 50°C. The reaction mixture was poured
5 into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-
10 pyrazole-4-carboxylate (8.29 g, yield 77%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 113-114°C.

Reference Example 44

15 To a solution of ethyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (8.06 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added lithium aluminum hydride (0.95 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. To the reaction mixture was added sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (8.06 g), and the
20 mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol (5.91 g, yield 84%) was obtained as colorless
25 crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate. The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 93-94°C.

Reference Example 45

A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-
30 yl)methanol (5.61 g), activated manganese dioxide (15.00 g) and tetrahydrofuran (75 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. Manganese dioxide was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-
35 pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (5.03 g, yield 90%) was obtained as

colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (2:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran-hexane. melting point: 153-154°C.

【0117】

5 Reference Example 46

To a mixture of potassium t-butoxide (3.82 g) and dimethoxyethane (20 ml) was added a solution of p-toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide (3.51 g) in dimethoxyethane (20 ml) at -78°C, and the mixture was stirred for 5 minutes.

10 Then a solution of 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (4.73 g) in dimethoxyethane (80 ml) was added. After stirring at the same temperature for 1 hour, the mixture was stirred for 1 hour while raising the temperature to room temperature. Methanol (100 ml) was added to the obtained

15 mixture, and the mixture was refluxed for 1 hour. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and

20 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetonitrile (3.31 g, yield 67%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from

25 tetrahydrofuran-hexane. melting point: 102-103°C.

Reference Example 47

A mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetonitrile (3.01 g), 6N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was

30 refluxed for 3 days. After cooling, the mixture was neutralized with dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-

35 ylacetic acid (2.63 g, yield 82%) as colorless crystals. The

crystals were recrystallized from acetone-hexane. melting point: 105-106°C.

Reference Example 48

A mixture of 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetic
5 acid (2.47 g), methyl iodide (0.75 ml), potassium carbonate
(2.21 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (25 ml) was stirred at room
temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into
water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
10 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was
subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-
benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetate (2.55 g, yield 99%)
was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with
ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). The crystals were
15 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 74-
75°C.

【0118】

Reference Example 49

A mixture of methyl 3-benzyloxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-
20 ylacetate (2.35 g), 5% palladium-carbon (4.00 g),
tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and methanol (25 ml) was stirred for 1
hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed
by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give methyl
3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylacetate (1.58 g, yield 93%)
25 as colorless crystals. The crystals were recrystallized from
ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 144-145°C.

Reference Example 50

A mixture of [2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-
yl)ethyl]triphenylphosphonium bromide (18.86 g), sodium
30 hydride (60%, in oil, 1.70 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100
ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. 3-Propyl-
1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde
(9.00 g) was added thereto and the mixture was stirred at 70°C
for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and
35 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was

washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the residue, 5% palladium-carbon (2.04 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The obtained residue was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (150 ml), and 1N hydrochloric acid (200 ml) and methanol (50 ml) were added, which was followed by stirring at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography and 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butanal (8.08 g, yield 78%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 71-72°C.

Reference Example 51

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butanal (7.85 g), methanol (20 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was slowly added sodium borohydride (700 mg) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (7.48 g, yield 95%) as colorless crystals. The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 80-81°C.

【0119】

Reference Example 52

To a mixture of 2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyltetraphenylphosphonium bromide (18.95 g) and N,N-

dimethylformamide (178 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 1.71 g) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Then, 3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (10.09 g) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and at 70°C for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:15, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-carbon (1.28 g) and ethanol (174 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give 2-{4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-3-isopropyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}-5-(trifluoromethyl)-pyridine (12.84 g, yield 98%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.32 (6H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.72 - 1.82 (4H, m), 2.46 - 2.58 (2H, m), 2.92 - 3.10 (1H, m), 3.82 - 4.00 (4H, m), 4.88 - 4.96 (1H, m), 7.88 - 7.98 (1H, m), 8.02 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.27 (1H, s), 8.56 - 8.61 (1H, m).

Reference Example 53

A mixture of 2-{4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-3-isopropyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}-5-(trifluoromethyl)-pyridine (12.84 g), 1N hydrochloric acid (100 ml), tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) and methanol (100 ml) was stirred overnight at 50°C. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyraldehyde (11.25 g, yield 99%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a

fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.32 (6H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.90 - 2.06 (2H, m),
2.44 - 2.60 (4H, m), 2.94 - 3.07 (1H, m), 7.90 - 7.98 (1H, m),
8.02 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 8.27 (1H, s), 8.55 - 8.61 (1H, m),
5 9.78 - 9.81 (1H, m).

Reference Example 54

To a solution of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyraldehyde (11.25 g) in ethanol (170 ml) was added sodium borohydride (1.57 g) at room
10 temperature and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
15 gel column chromatography, and 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (6.11 g, yield 54%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). Along therewith, 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyraldehyde (2.46 g), which was a
20 starting material, was also recovered. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 67-68°C.

【0120】

25 Reference Example 55

A mixture of ethyl (3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (18.95 g), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 4.59 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (478 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, to which 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (20.82
30 g) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
35 chromatography, and ethyl {3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}acetate (11.27 g, yield 41%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.29 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 1.42 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.46 (2H, s), 4.20 (2H, q, J = 7.4 Hz), 4.36 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.83 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.84 - 7.96 (1H, m), 8.39 (1H, s), 8.54 - 8.60 (1H, m).

Reference Example 56

To a solution of ethyl {3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}acetate (11.27 g) in tetrahydrofuran (400 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (117 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (4.38 g, yield 45%) was obtained as pale-yellow crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 75-76°C.

Reference Example 57

To a solution of ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (7.40 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) were added di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (9.71 ml) and triethylamine (5.89 ml) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated to give a residue. To a mixture of the obtained residue, benzyl alcohol (5.00 ml), tributylphosphine (20.1 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (805 ml) was added a 40% toluene solution (52.9 ml) of 1,1'-diethyl azodicarboxylate at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography,

and tert-butyl 3-benzyloxy-4-(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxylate (5.08 g, yield 34%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.23 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.61 (9H, s), 2.53 - 2.60 (2H, m), 2.66 - 2.73 (2H, m), 5.34 (2H, s), 7.27 - 7.46 (5H, m), 7.65 (1H, s).

【0121】

Reference Example 58

To a solution of tert-butyl 3-benzyloxy-4-(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)-1H-pyrazole-1-carboxylate (5.08 g) in ethyl acetate (13.6 ml) was added 4N ethyl acetate solution (43.6 ml) of hydrochloric acid and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give ethyl 3-(3-benzyloxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (3.92 g, quantitative) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.22 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.04 - 2.59 (2H, m), 2.69 - 2.75 (2H, m), 4.10 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.25 (2H, s), 7.19 (1H, s), 7.25 - 7.45 (5H, m).

Reference Example 59

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-benzyloxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (2.84 g), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 497 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (104 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (2.26 g) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate (3.14 g, yield 72%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a

fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.57 - 2.65 (2H, m),
2.74 - 2.81 (2H, m), 4.12 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.35 (2H, s),
7.39 - 7.43 (3H, m), 7.44 - 7.50 (2H, m), 7.82 (1H, d, J = 8.4
5 Hz), 7.89 - 7.94 (1H, m), 8.22 (1H, s), 8.53 - 8.57 (1H, m).

Reference Example 60

To a solution of ethyl 3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate
(3.14 g) in tetrahydrofuran (75 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M
10 solution (16.5 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at
0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3
hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute
hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl
acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium
15 chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue
was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-
benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
yl}-1-propanol (2.41 g, yield 85%) was obtained as colorless
crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
20 (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from
ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 79-81°C.

【0122】

Reference Example 61

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
25 pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (1.20 g), triethylamine
(613 μL) and tetrahydrofuran (37 ml) was added methanesulfonyl
chloride (341 μL) at room temperature, and the mixture was
stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated.
The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography,
30 and 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-
pyrazol-4-yl}butyl methanesulfonate (1.25 g, yield 84%) was
obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with
ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were
recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 87-
35 89°C.

Reference Example 62

To a mixture of 5-benzyloxy-2-methoxybenzaldehyde (3.45 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (3.41 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 684 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The reaction mixture was poured into 0.1N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a pale-yellow oily substance was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-carbon (1.00 g) and ethanol (150 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(5-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (2.54 g, yield 80%) was obtained as a brown oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.52 - 2.64 (2H, m), 2.82 - 2.94 (2H, m), 3.77 (3H, s), 4.12 (2H, q, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.94 (1H, brs), 6.61 - 6.74 (3H, m).

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Reference Example 63

To a mixture of ethyl 3-(3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (3.00 g), 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (2.35 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (30 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 620 mg) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was

obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). To a solution of the obtained colorless oil in tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (30 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 5 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was 10 subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (3.85 g, yield 86%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from 15 ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 99-100°C.

Reference Example 64

A mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (10.05 g), activated manganese dioxide (31.48 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was stirred 20 overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (8.94 g, yield 90%) was obtained as colorless 25 crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 226-227°C.

Reference Example 65

To a mixture of 3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (8.30 g), ethyl 30 diethylphosphonoacetate (8.50 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (75 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 1.50 g) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with 35 ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute

hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propenoate (9.53 g, yield 90%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 131-132°C.

【0124】

10 **Reference Example 66**

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propenoate (9.00 g), 5% palladium-carbon (2.42 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (8.45 g, yield 93%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 50-51°C.

Reference Example 67

To a solution of ethyl 3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propionate (7.00 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was dropwise added a 1.0 M solution (50 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (5.63 g, yield 92%) was obtained as colorless

crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 103-104°C.

Reference Example 68

5 To a solution of 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (9.90 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added lithium aluminum hydride (1.15 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (11.03 g) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was stirred
10 at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzyl alcohol (9.94 g, quantitative) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl
15 acetate.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.97 (1H, t, J=6.6 Hz), 3.91 (3H, s), 4.55 (2H, d, J=6.6 Hz), 5.09 (2H, s), 6.86-6.96 (2H, m), 7.01-7.12 (1H, m), 7.28-7.49 (5H, m).

【0125】

20 Reference Example 69

To a mixture of 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzyl alcohol (9.90 g), acetone cyanohydrin (4.60 g), triphenylphosphine (16.21 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was dropwise added a 40% toluene solution (26.49 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate at room
25 temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenylacetonitrile (8.62 g, yield 84%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-
30 hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.53 (2H, s), 3.92 (3H, s), 5.09 (2H, s), 6.90-7.14 (3H, m), 7.32-7.46 (5H, m).

Reference Example 70

A mixture of 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenylacetonitrile
35 (8.62 g), 8N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (40 ml) and

ethanol (200 ml) was stirred under reflux overnight. After cooling, the reaction mixture was acidified by slowly adding conc. hydrochloric acid (30 ml). After concentration, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The obtained ethyl acetate solution was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the residue, a 10% solution (200 ml) of hydrochloric acid in methanol and methanol (200 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. After concentration, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The obtained ethyl acetate solution was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl (2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (7.40 g, yield 76%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.61 (5H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 5.03 (2H, s), 6.79-7.10 (3H, m), 7.25-7.56 (5H, m).

Reference Example 71

A mixture of methyl (2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (7.40 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.39 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio) to give methyl (2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)acetate (5.01 g, yield 99%) as a colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.68 (2H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.88 (3H, s), 5.88 (1H, s), 6.76-6.86 (3H, m).

【0126】

Reference Example 72

A mixture of methyl 3,5-dihydroxybenzoate (500 mg), benzyl bromide (17.7 ml), potassium carbonate (20.62 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (250 ml) was stirred overnight at room

temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue
5 was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained colorless crystals, methyl iodide (4.6 ml), potassium carbonate (7.90 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (150 ml) was
10 stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with diethyl ether. The diethyl ether layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to give methyl 3-benzyloxy-5-methoxybenzoate (15.54 g, yield 38%) as a
15 pale-yellow oily substance.
 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.82 (3H, s), 3.91 (3H, s), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.73 (1H, t, $J=2.3$ Hz), 7.19-7.46 (7H, m).

Reference Example 73

To a mixture of lithium aluminum hydride (5.40 g) and
20 tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was slowly added a solution of methyl 3-benzyloxy-5-methoxybenzoate (15.54 g) in tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) at 0°C , and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Acetone (80 ml) was slowly added to decompose excess lithium aluminum hydride, and brine (15.4 ml) was
25 added. The precipitate was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanol (14.00 g, quantitative) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-
30 hexane (2:3, volume ratio).
 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.69 (1H, t, $J=6.1\text{Hz}$), 3.79 (3H, s), 4.63 (2H, d, $J=6.1\text{Hz}$), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.47 (1H, t, $J=2.3$ Hz), 6.53-6.55 (1H, m), 6.66-6.68 (1H, m), 7.29-7.45 (5H, m).

Reference Example 74

35 A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)methanol (6.03

g), activated manganese dioxide (18.0 g) and tetrahydrofuran (80 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The insoluble material was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). To a mixture of the obtained oil, ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (4.84 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 950 mg) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propenoate (3.96 g, yield 51%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.34 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 4.26 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.39 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz), 6.57 (1H, t, J=2.2 Hz), 6.68 (1H, t, J=1.7 Hz), 6.75 (1H, t, J=1.7 Hz), 7.30-7.45 (5H, m), 7.59 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz).

【0127】

Reference Example 75

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propenoate (3.96 g), 5% palladium-carbon (0.4 g) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (2.78 g, yield 98%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (2:3, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.25 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 2.60 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.14 (2H, q, J=7.1

Hz), 5.22 (1H, s), 6.25-6.35 (3H, m).

Reference Example 76

To a mixture of (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)methanol (8.00 g), acetone cyanohydrin (4.65 ml), tributylphosphine
5 (13.3 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (16.53 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile
10 (5.77 g, yield 70%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.68 (2H, s), 3.78 (2H, s), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.46-6.56 (3H, m), 7.30-7.45 (5H, m).

15 Reference Example 77

A mixture of (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile (5.77 g), potassium hydroxide (4.50 g) and ethylene glycol (50 ml) was stirred overnight 120°C. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and washed with diethyl ether. The aqueous
20 layer was acidified by adding hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give a residue. A mixture of the obtained residue, methyl iodide (1.80 ml), potassium carbonate (4.00 g)
25 and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue
30 was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)acetate (4.43 g, yield 68%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.56 (2H, s), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.77 (2H, s), 5.03
35 (2H, s), 6.44-6.47 (2H, m), 6.51-6.54 (1H, m), 7.29-7.45 (5H,

m).

【0128】

Reference Example 78

A mixture of methyl (3-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)acetate
5 (4.43 g), 5% palladium-carbon (0.44 g) and ethanol (25 ml) was
stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen
atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the
filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-hydroxy-5-
10 methoxyphenyl)acetate (2.97 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a
colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(2:3, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.54 (2H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.76 (2H, s), 5.38
(1H, br s), 6.32 (1H, t, $J=2.3$ Hz), 6.35-6.42 (2H, m).

15 Reference Example 79

A mixture of p-hydroxyphenylacetonitrile (15.0 g), benzyl
bromide (13.6 ml), potassium carbonate (15.6 g) and N,N-
dimethylformamide (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room
temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, The
20 precipitated crystals were collected by filtration, washed
well with water and dried to give (4-
benzyloxyphenyl)acetonitrile (24.12 g, yield 96%). melting
point: 70-71°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.68 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.95-6.99 (2H, m),
25 7.21-7.25 (2H, m), 7.30-7.45 (5H, m).

Reference Example 80

To a mixture of (4-benzyloxyphenyl)acetonitrile (600 mg),
methyl iodide (20.0 ml) and dimethyl sulfoxide (200 ml) was
slowly added 50% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution at 0°C, and
30 the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The
reaction mixture was poured into water, and the precipitated
crystals were collected by filtration, washed well with water
and dried to give 2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile
(25.88 g, yield 99%). melting point: 63-64°C.

35 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.70 (6H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.95-7.00 (2H, m),

7.30-7.45 (7H, m).

【0129】

Reference Example 81

A mixture of 2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile
5 (25.88 g), potassium hydroxide (20.34 g) and ethylene glycol
(200 ml) was stirred at 120°C for 2 days. The reaction mixture
was poured into ice water, acidified by adding hydrochloric
acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
10 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained
colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-(4-
benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid (27.62 g, yield 99%).
melting point: 128-130°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.58 (6H, s), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.92-6.97 (2H, m),
15 7.29-7.45 (7H, m).

Reference Example 82

A mixture of 2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid
(27.62 g), sulfuric acid (6 ml) and ethanol (500 ml) was
refluxed for 14 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into
20 ice water, and the precipitated crystals were collected by
filtration, washed well with aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate
and water and dried to give ethyl 2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-
methylpropanoate (28.20 g, yield 92%). melting point: 54-55°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.82 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.55 (6H, s), 4.11
25 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.90-6.95 (2H, m), 7.24-7.45
(7H, m).

Reference Example 83

A mixture of ethyl 2-(4-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-
methylpropanoate (28.20 g), 5% palladium-carbon (2.8 g) and
30 ethanol (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature
under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by
filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was
subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-(4-
hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoate (17.20 g, yield 87%) was
35 obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl

acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.19 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.55 (6H, s), 4.12 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 5.26 (1H, s), 6.74-6.79 (2H, m), 7.18-7.23 (2H, m)

5 **【0130】**

Reference Example 84

To a mixture of (3-benzyloxyphenyl)methanol (22.09 g) and dichloroethane (250 ml) was added thionyl chloride (14.8 ml) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3
10 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue was poured into aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and extracted with diethyl ether. The diethyl ether layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give a residue. A mixture of the
15 obtained residue, sodium cyanide (5.32 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was stirred overnight at 50°C. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and
20 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and (3-benzyloxyphenyl)acetonitrile (19.64 g, yield 85%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.72 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.89-6.96 (3H, m),
25 7.24-7.45 (6H, m).

Reference Example 85

To a mixture of (3-benzyloxyphenyl)acetonitrile (19.64 g), methyl iodide (16.5 ml) and dimethyl sulfoxide (200 ml) was slowly added 50% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (28.2
30 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-
35 methylpropanenitrile (21.63 g, yield 98%) as a yellow oily

substance.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.71 (6H, s), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.90–6.94 (1H, m), 7.05–7.11 (2H, m), 7.28–7.47 (6H, m).

Reference Example 86

5 A mixture of 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (21.63 g), potassium hydroxide (17.0 g) and ethylene glycol (150 ml) was stirred at 120°C for 2 days. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water, acidified by adding hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
10 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to give 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid (20.68 g, yield 89%) as yellow crystals. melting point: 114–116°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.58 (6H, s), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.85–6.89 (2H, m),
15 6.98–7.05 (2H, m), 7.23–7.46 (6H, m).

【0131】

Reference Example 87

A mixture of 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid (20.68 g), potassium carbonate (10.6 g), methyl iodide (7.1
20 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (160 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was
25 subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoate (19.62 g, yield 90%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.56 (6H, s), 3.63 (3H, s), 5.05 (2H, s),
30 6.84–6.97 (3H, m), 7.22–7.46 (6H, m)

Reference Example 88

A mixture of methyl 2-(3-benzyloxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoate (19.62 g), 5% palladium-carbon (2.0 g) and ethanol (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature
35 under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by

filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanoate (12.32 g, yield 92%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction
5 eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.56 (6H, s), 3.66 (3H, s), 5.35 (1H, s), 6.72 (1H, ddd, $J=8.1, 2.4, 1.0$ Hz), 6.83 (1H, t, $J=2.1$ Hz), 6.89 (1H, ddd, $J=7.8, 1.7, 1.0$ Hz), 7.19 (1H, t, $J=7.9$ Hz)

Reference Example 89

10 A mixture of 3,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (25.30 g), potassium carbonate (15.20 g), benzyl bromide (21.7 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (250 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl
15 acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-benzyloxy-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (24.62 g, yield 59%) was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane-
20 chloroform (3:10:12, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethanol. melting point: 123-124°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 5.21 (2H, s), 5.79 (1H, s), 7.04 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz), 7.38-7.47 (7H, m), 9.84 (1H, s).

【0132】

25 Reference Example 90

A mixture of 3-benzyloxy-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (10.60 g), potassium carbonate (12.84 g), chloromethyl methyl ether (5.2 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (150 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into
30 dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with toluene. The toluene layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl
35 acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). To a mixture of the

obtained oily substance, ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (12.38 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (90 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 2.43 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured
5 into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl]propenoate (13.48
10 g, yield 85%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.33 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 3.53 (3H, s), 4.25 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 5.19 (2H, s), 5.25 (2H, s), 6.30 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.10 (1H, dd, J=8.3, 2.2
15 Hz), 7.29-7.44 (5H, m), 7.59 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz), 9.84 (1H, s).

Reference Example 91

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl]propenoate (13.48 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.35 g) and ethanol (60 ml) was stirred overnight at
20 room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give a residue. A mixture of the obtained residue, potassium carbonate (10.88 g), benzyl bromide (5.1 ml) and N,N-
25 dimethylformamide (50 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
30 gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl]propenate (9.46 g, yield 70%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.23 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.58 (2H, d, J=7.8
35 Hz), 2.87 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 3.52 (3H, s), 4.12 (2H, q, J=7.1

Hz), 5.12 (2H, s), 5.21 (2H, s), 6.76 (1H, dd, J=8.3, 2.0 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 7.27-7.44 (5H, m).

Reference Example 92

5 To a mixture of ethyl 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl]propionate (9.46 g) and ethanol (100 ml) was added hydrochloric acid (3 drops) with a pipette, and the mixture was stirred at 80°C for 1 hour. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel
10 column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(3-benzyloxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (8.13 g, yield 99%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). melting point: 60-61°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 2.57 (2H, d, J=7.9
15 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 4.12 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 5.08 (2H, s), 5.62 (1H, s), 6.66 (1H, dd, J=8.1, 2.2 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 7.33-7.43 (5H, m).

【0133】

Reference Example 93

20 A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propionate (6.65 g), 5% palladium-carbon (2.46 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The
25 residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propionate (5.86 g, yield 88%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.23 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.58-2.69 (2H, m),
30 2.90-3.01 (2H, m), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.13 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 5.84 (1H, s), 6.72-6.78 (3H, m).

Reference Example 94

A mixture of 2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde (10.25 g), benzyl bromide (8.1 ml), potassium carbonate (13.93 g) and
35 N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room

temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue
5 was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). To a mixture of the colorless oil, ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (15.66 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%,
10 in oil, 2.73 g) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and
15 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propenoate (16.58 g, yield 79%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
20 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.33 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz), 3.78 (3H, s), 4.26 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 6.49 (1H, d, $J=16.0$ Hz), 6.80-6.94 (2H, m), 7.04-7.11 (1H, m), 7.26-7.48 (5H, m), 8.06 (1H, d, $J=16.0$ Hz).

Reference Example 95

25 A mixture of ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-benzyloxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propenoate (6.83 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.11 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The
30 residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propionate (4.54 g, yield 92%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.23 (3H, t, $J=7.2$ Hz), 2.68-2.74 (2H, m),
35 2.83-2.89 (2H, m), 3.74 (3H, s), 4.13 (2H, q, $J=7.2$ Hz), 6.62-

6.70 (2H, m), 6.83 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 6.95-6.98 (1H, br s).

【0134】

Reference Example 96

A mixture of 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (25.16 g),
5 benzyl bromide (20 ml), potassium carbonate (25.03 g) and N,N-
dimethylformamide (300 ml) was stirred overnight at room
temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute
hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl
acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium
10 chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue
was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-
benzyloxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (37.18 g, yield 93%) was
obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl
acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
15 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.86 (3H, s), 5.17 (2H, s), 6.50-6.62 (2H, m),
7.24-7.50 (5H, m), 7.85 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 10.39 (1H, s).

Reference Example 97

To a mixture of 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (5.00
g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (4.75 g) and N,N-
20 dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in
oil, 0.84 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at
room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water,
and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated
25 aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(2-benzyloxy-4-
methoxyphenyl)propenoate (5.48 g, yield 85%) was obtained as a
colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
30 (1:4, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.32 (3H, t, J=6.8 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 4.23
(2H, q, J=6.8 Hz), 5.15 (2H, s), 6.37-6.56 (3H, m), 7.24-7.53
(6H, m), 8.00 (1H, d, J=16.2 Hz).

Reference Example 98

35 A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(2-benzyloxy-4-

methoxyphenyl)propenoate (5.45 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.16 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)propionate (3.80 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.57-2.68 (2H, m), 2.77-2.88 (2H, m), 3.76 (3H, s), 4.15 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.40-6.52 (2H, m), 6.97 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz), 7.58 (1H, br s).

【0135】

Reference Example 99

To a solution of 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (13.15 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added lithium aluminum hydride (1.50 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. To the reaction mixture was added sodium sulfate 10 hydrate (15.09 g), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The precipitate was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxybenzyl alcohol (12.84 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.19 (1H, br t), 3.79 (3H, s), 4.66 (2H, d, J=5.8 Hz), 5.09 (2H, s), 6.44-6.56 (2H m), 7.16-7.46 (6H, m).

Reference Example 100

To a mixture of 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxybenzyl alcohol (12.25 g), acetone cyanohydrin (5.70 g), triphenylphosphine (20.03 g) and tetrahydrofuran (200 ml) was dropwise added a 40% toluene solution (32.75 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxyphenylacetonitrile (10.34 g, yield 81%) was obtained as

a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.65 (2H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.43-6.56 (2H, m), 7.22-7.48 (6H, m).

5 **Reference Example 101**

A mixture of 2-benzyloxy-4-methoxyphenylacetonitrile (10.34 g), 8 N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (50 ml) and ethanol (200 ml) was stirred under reflux overnight. After cooling, the reaction mixture was acidified by slowly adding
10 conc. hydrochloric acid (350 ml). After concentration, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The obtained ethyl acetate solution was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the residue, a 10% solution (200 ml) of hydrochloric acid
15 in methanol and methanol (200 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. After concentration, the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The obtained ethyl acetate solution was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was
20 subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl (2-benzyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (9.35 g, yield 80%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.61 (2H, s), 3.63 (3H, s), 3.78 (3H, s), 5.06
25 (2H, s), 6.43-6.54 (2H, m), 7.11 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz), 7.24-7.46 (5H, m).

【0136】

Reference Example 102

A mixture of methyl (2-benzyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acetate
30 (9.35 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.44 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl (2-
35 hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (6.11 g, yield 95%) was

obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.62 (2H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 3.77 (3H, s), 6.45 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.4 Hz), 6.53 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.62 (1H, s).

Reference Example 103

A mixture of 2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (8.50 g), benzyl bromide (6.7 ml), potassium carbonate (11.66 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (100 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (13.08 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.95 (3H, s), 5.18 (2H, s), 7.10-7.21 (2H, m), 7.32-7.43 (6H, m), 10.23 (1H, s).

Reference Example 104

To a mixture of 2-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (5.51 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (6.12 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 1.03 g) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(2-benzyloxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propenoate (6.68 g, yield 94%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.33 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.24 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 5.02 (2H, s), 6.38 (1H, d, J=16.4 Hz),

6.92-7.18 (3H, m), 7.28-7.52 (5H, m), 7.98 (1H, d, J=16.4 Hz).

【0137】

Reference Example 105

A mixture of [3-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]acetonitrile (5.08 g), 6N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and methanol (30 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 2.5 days. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 1N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give a brown oily substance. To a mixture of the obtained oily substance, potassium carbonate (6.12 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (230 ml) was added methyl iodide (2.76 ml) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl [3-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]acetate (1.60 g, yield 28%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.60 (2H, s), 3.68 (3H, s), 3.72 (3H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.62 (1H, s), 7.26 - 7.46 (5H, m).

Reference Example 106

A mixture of methyl [3-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]acetate (1.60 g), 5% palladium-carbon (320 mg) and ethanol (100 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give methyl (3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)acetate (1.02 g, yield 97%) as a yellow solid. The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give colorless crystals. melting point: 147-148°C.

Reference Example 107

To a mixture of 3-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (6.75 g), ethyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (6.39 g), tributylphosphine (12.9 ml) and
5 tetrahydrofuran (1.00L) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (13.1 g) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-{3-[3-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-
10 pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (9.47 g, yield 78%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.35 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.59 (6H, s), 1.92 - 2.03 (2H, m), 2.45 - 2.55 (2H, m),
15 3.86 - 3.94 (2H, m), 4.18 - 4.28 (4H, m), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.35 - 6.44 (2H, m), 6.49 - 6.54 (1H, m), 6.96 (1H, s), 7.06 - 7.12 (1H, m), 7.14 - 7.18 (2H, m), 7.26 - 7.36 (3H, m).

【0138】

Reference Example 108

20 A mixture of 1-benzyl-4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-ol (21.8 g), diethylsulfuric acid (17.3 ml), potassium carbonate (16.7 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (150 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium
25 hydrochloride solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 1-benzyl-4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazole
30 (19.5 g, 82%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.36 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.57 - 1.74 (4H, m), 2.32 - 2.39 (2H, m), 3.80 - 3.98 (4H, m), 4.22 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.82 - 4.87 (1H, m), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.93 (1H, s), 7.13 -
35 7.17 (2H, m), 7.23 - 7.35 (3H, m).

Reference Example 109

To a mixture of ethyl 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (1.50 g), ethyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (1.35 g), tributylphosphine (2.73 ml) and
5 tetrahydrofuran (110 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (2.76 g) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-{3-[4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-
10 pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (1.33 g, yield 52%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.0Hz), 1.37 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.48 - 1.87 (4H, m), 1.59 (6H, s), 2.33 - 2.43 (2H, m),
15 3.86 - 3.95 (2H, m), 4.16 - 4.29 (4H, m), 5.09 (2H, s), 6.34 - 6.44 (2H, m), 6.48 - 6.56 (1H, m), 6.95 (1H, s), 7.04 - 7.20 (3H, m), 7.24 - 7.39 (3H, m).

Reference Example 110

To a solution of potassium tert-butoxide (3.79 g) in 1,2-
20 dimethoxyethane (17 ml) was dropwise added a solution of toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide (3.29 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (17 ml) at -78°C. Then a solution of 5-(benzyloxy)-2-methoxybenzaldehyde (3.90 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (50 ml) was dropwise added at the same
25 temperature, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and methanol (85 ml) was added. The reaction mixture was heated until reflux and the mixture was stirred at said
30 temperature for 2 hours. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution was added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and [5-(benzyloxy)-2-
35 methoxyphenyl]acetonitrile (3.63 g, yield 89%) was obtained as

a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 3.66 (2H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 5.02 (2H, s), 6.79 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, $J = 2.7, 9.0$ Hz), 7.03 (1H, d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 7.28 - 7.44 (m, 5H).

【0139】

Reference Example 111

A mixture of [5-(benzyloxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]acetonitrile (3.63 g), 6N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (40 ml), tetrahydrofuran (40 ml) and methanol (40 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 3 days. The reaction mixture was neutralized with 1N hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to give a pale-yellow solid. To a mixture of the obtained solid, potassium carbonate (3.95 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (478 ml) was added methyl iodide (1.78 ml) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. Dilute hydrochloric acid was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl [5-(benzyloxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]acetate (3.76 g, yield 92%) was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio) as a brown solid. The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give colorless crystals. melting point: 74-75°C.

Reference Example 112

A mixture of methyl [5-(benzyloxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]acetate (3.61 g), 5% palladium-carbon (800 mg) and ethanol (150 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 4.5 hours under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and

methyl (5-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)acetate (2.40 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a pale-yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.58 (2H, s), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 5.21 (1H, s), 6.66 - 6.76 (3H, m).

Reference Example 113

To a mixture of ethyl 2-{3-[3-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (9.47 g), 5% palladium-carbon (10.0 g) and ethanol (200 ml) was added formic acid (65 ml) and the mixture was stirred overnight while heating under reflux. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-{3-[3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (5.10 g, yield 69%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.25 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.37 (3H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.60 (6H, s), 1.91 - 2.09 (2H, m), 2.48 - 2.60 (2H, m), 3.85 - 3.96 (2H, m), 4.16 - 4.30 (4H, m), 6.34 - 6.45 (2H, m), 6.50 - 6.58 (1H, m), 7.04 - 7.17 (2H, m).

【0140】

Reference Example 114

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (7.65 g), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 1.16 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (120 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, and 2-fluoropyridine (2.48 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred at 100°C overnight. To the reaction mixture was added dilute hydrochloric acid, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoate (1.52 g, yield 22%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl

acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.26 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.43 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.57 - 2.65 (2H, m), 2.70 - 2.78 (2H, m), 4.14 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.98 - 7.06 (1H, m), 7.66
5 - 7.74 (2H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.27 - 8.31 (1H, m).

Reference Example 115

To a solution of ethyl 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoate (2.90 g) in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was dropwise added a 0.93 M solution (22.0 ml) of
10 diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and a 0.93 M solution (11.0 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and the
15 mixture was stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
20 chromatography, and 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (2.41 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.44 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.73 - 1.90 (3H, m),
25 2.49 - 2.56 (2H, m), 3.64 - 3.71 (2H, m), 4.37 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.98 - 7.08 (1H, m), 7.67 - 7.75 (2H, m), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.28 - 8.32 (1H, m).

Reference Example 116

To a mixture of 2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyltetraphenylphosphonium bromide (53.2 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (500 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 4.80 g) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and a solution of 1-benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (28.9 g) in N,N-
35 dimethylformamide (100 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred

at room temperature overnight, and at 70°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
5 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a yellow oily substance was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-carbon (3.80 g) and ethanol (500 ml) was stirred
10 overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 1-benzyl-4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-1H-pyrazol-3-ol (21.8 g, yield 76%) was obtained as
15 a white solid from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give colorless crystals. melting point: 93-94°C.

【0141】

20 **Reference Example 117**

A mixture of 1-benzyl-4-[3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)propyl]-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazole (22.0 g), 1N hydrochloric acid (150 ml), ethanol (150 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (150 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours, and at 50°C for 3 hours.
25 Saturated aqueous ammonium hydrochloride solution was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
30 chromatography, and 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butanal (10.1 g, yield 53%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.36 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.79 - 1.91 (2H, m),
35 2.32 - 2.48 (4H, m), 4.22 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 5.07 (2H, s),

6.93 (1H, s), 7.13 - 7.18 (2H, m), 7.24 - 7.36 (3H, m), 9.73 (1H, s).

Reference Example 118

To a solution of 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butanal (10.1 g) in ethanol (185 ml) was added sodium borohydride (1.54 g) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (9.44 g, yield 93%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.37 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.52 - 1.69 (4H, m), 2.29 - 2.41 (2H, m), 3.60 - 3.71 (2H, brm), 4.23 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.94 (1H, s), 7.13 - 7.21 (2H, m), 7.22 - 7.39 (3H, m).

Reference Example 119

To a mixture of ethyl 2-{3-[4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (950 mg), 5% palladium-carbon (950 mg) and ethanol (10 ml) was added formic acid (3.3 ml), and the mixture was stirred while heating under reflux for 3 hours. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 2-{3-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (740 mg, yield 93%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.25 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.39 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.59 (6H, s), 1.63 - 1.89 (4H, m), 2.38 - 2.46 (2H, m), 3.89 - 3.95 (2H, m), 4.18 - 4.28 (4H, m), 6.35 - 6.43 (2H, m), 6.49 - 6.55 (1H, m), 7.05 - 7.12 (1H, m), 7.15 (1H, s).

【0142】

Reference Example 120

To a mixture of 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (1.50 g), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-ethoxyphenyl)propanoate (1.35 g), tributylphosphine (2.73 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (110 ml) was added 1,1'-
5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (2.76 g) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 days. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a yellow oily substance was
10 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). To a mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-carbon (1.80 g) and ethanol (18 ml) was added formic acid (6.0 ml) and the mixture was stirred while heating under reflux for 7 hours. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The
15 residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-{2-ethoxy-4-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenyl}propanoate (0.86 g, yield 60%) was obtained as a brown oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio).
20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.35 - 1.45 (6H, m), 1.62 - 1.90 (4H, m), 2.38 - 2.48 (2H, m), 2.53 - 2.64 (2H, m), 2.81 - 2.92 (2H, m), 3.66 (3H, s), 3.90 - 4.06 (4H, m), 4.21 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 6.28 - 6.43 (2H, m), 6.94 - 7.04 (1H, m), 7.17 (1H, s).

Reference Example 121

25 To a mixture of 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (1.01 g), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (1.05 g), tributylphosphine (1.83 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (75 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1.85 g) at room temperature, and
30 the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). To a mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-
35 carbon (1.73 g) and ethanol (18 ml) was added formic acid (6

ml) and the mixture was stirred overnight while heating under reflux. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-{3-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl}propanoate (900 mg, yield 57%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.24 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.39 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.64 - 1.87 (4H, m), 2.36 - 2.47 (2H, m), 2.52 - 2.63 (2H, m), 2.88 - 2.99 (2H, m), 4.05 - 4.30 (6H, m), 5.65 (1H, s), 7.15 (1H, s), 7.28 - 7.50 (5H, m).

Reference Example 122

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (5.00 g), 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboric acid (8.95 g), copper(II) acetate (6.42 g), pyridine (3.42 ml) and methylene chloride (120 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The precipitate was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate (2.41 g, yield 29%) was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9, volume ratio) as colorless crystals. The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 47-48°C.

[0143]

Reference Example 123

To a solution of ethyl 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate (4.31 g) in tetrahydrofuran (120 ml) was dropwise added a 0.93 M solution (39 ml) of diisobutylaluminum hydride in hexane at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica

gel column chromatography, and 3-(3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (3.68 g, yield 97%) was obtained as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.44 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.68 - 1.92 (3H, m), 2.48 - 2.59 (2H, m), 3.62 - 3.75 (2H, brm), 4.37 (2H, q, J = 7.0 Hz), 7.58 - 7.70 (5H, m).

Reference Example 124

To a mixture of 4-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (2.00 g), triethylamine (1.22 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (70 ml) at room temperature was added methanesulfonyl chloride (677 μL), and the mixture was stirred overnight. Triethylamine (2.03 ml) and methanesulfonyl chloride (1.13 ml) were added to the reaction mixture at room temperature and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and 3-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propyl methanesulfonate (2.46 g, yield 96%) was obtained as a yellow oily substance from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.36 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.54 - 1.68 (2H, m), 1.70 - 1.82 (2H, m), 2.32 - 2.40 (2H, m), 2.98 (3H, s), 4.18 - 4.26 (4H, m), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.92 (1H, s), 7.14 - 7.19 (2H, m), 7.24 - 7.36 (3H, m).

Reference Example 125

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (662 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 136 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, and a solution of 3-(1-benzyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propyl methanesulfonate (1.00 g) in N,N-dimethylformamide (5 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature and the reaction mixture was poured into 0.1N

aqueous hydrochloric acid solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). To a mixture of the obtained oily substance, 5% palladium-carbon (1.00 g) and ethanol (10 ml) was added formic acid (3 ml) and the mixture was stirred while heating under reflux for 4 hours. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution. After drying (MgSO_4), the mixture was concentrated to give ethyl 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate (680 mg, yield 63%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.23 (3H, t, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.32 - 1.41 (6H, m), 1.44 - 1.56 (2H, m), 1.72 - 1.84 (2H, m), 2.33 - 2.40 (2H, m), 2.48 - 2.56 (2H, m), 2.61 - 2.68 (2H, m), 3.84 - 3.91 (2H, m), 4.10 (2H, q, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 4.15 - 4.27 (4H, m), 6.96 (1H, s), 7.10 (1H, s).

【0144】

Reference Example 126

To a solution of potassium tert-butoxide (5.22 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (300 ml) was dropwise added a solution of toluenesulfonylmethyl isocyanide (4.54 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (30 ml) at -78°C . After stirring at the same temperature for 10 minutes, a solution of 3-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde (4.79 g) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (60 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. Then methanol (120 ml) was added and stirred while heating under reflux for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate.

The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution and dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and [3-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]acetonitrile (5.08 g, yield quantitative) was
5 obtained as a brown oily substance.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 3.67 (2H, s), 3.73 (3H, s), 5.16 (2H, s), 5.73 (1H, s), 7.27 - 7.48 (5H, m).

Example 1

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-
10 isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (450 mg), methyl 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (500 mg), potassium carbonate (440 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl
15 acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
20 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
25 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [4-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (300 mg, yield 25%). The crystals were recrystallized
30 from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 127-128°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.18-2.32 (2H, m), 2.98-3.10 (2H, m), 3.60 (2H, s), 3.98-4.08 (2H, m), 6.37 (1H, s), 6.82-6.90 (2H, m), 7.15-7.24 (2H, m), 7.66-7.75 (2H, m), 7.86-7.94 (2H, m).

Example 2

35 A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-

isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (450 mg), methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (460 mg), potassium carbonate (450 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured
5 into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
10 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
15 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 4-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)benzoic acid
20 (840 mg, yield 72%). The crystals were recrystallized from acetone-hexane. melting point: 221-222°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.20-2.38 (2H, m), 3.00-3.14 (2H, m), 4.05-4.18 (2H, m), 6.39 (1H, s), 6.86-6.96 (2H, m), 7.64-7.74 (2H, m), 7.86-8.08 (4H, m).

25 **Example 3**

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (450 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (500 mg), potassium carbonate (450 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was
30 stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
35 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a

fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
5 Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-[4-
10 (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (630 mg, yield 52%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 126-127°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.16-2.34 (2H, m), 2.98-3.12 (2H, m), 3.63 (2H, s), 4.00-4.10 (2H, m), 6.38 (1H, s), 6.76-6.94 (3H, m),
15 7.18-7.32 (1H, m), 7.66-7.75 (2H, m), 7.86-7.96 (2H, m).

【0146】

Example 4

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide
20 (520 mg), methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate (460 mg), potassium carbonate (450 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated
25 aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
30 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
35 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were

collected by filtration to give 3-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)benzoic acid (860 mg, yield 74%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 133-134°C.

⁵ ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.20-2.37 (2H, m), 3.02-3.14 (2H, m), 4.06-4.17 (2H, m), 6.39 (1H, s), 7.10-7.20 (1H, m), 7.34-7.44 (1H, m), 7.58-7.76 (4H, m), 7.86-7.96 (2H, m).

Example 5

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (520 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (600 mg), potassium carbonate (450 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (520 mg, yield 42%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 174-175°C.

³⁰ ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.16-2.34 (2H, m), 2.59-2.72 (2H, m), 2.84-3.12 (4H, m), 3.98-4.08 (2H, m), 6.37 (1H, s), 6.78-6.88 (2H, m), 7.07-7.18 (2H, m), 7.66-7.76 (2H, m), 7.86-7.96 (2H, m).

Example 6

³⁵ A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-

isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (500 mg), methyl salicylate (460 mg), potassium carbonate (500 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute
5 hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl
10 acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
15 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)benzoic acid (710 mg, yield 61%). The crystals were recrystallized
20 from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 132-133°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.34-2.52 (2H, m), 3.03-3.16 (2H, m), 4.18-4.42 (2H, m), 6.43 (1H, s), 7.00-7.24 (2H, m), 7.50-7.64 (1H, m), 7.65-7.76 (2H, m), 7.85-7.96 (2H, m), 8.16-8.24 (1H, m).

【0147】

25 **Example 7**

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide (500 mg), methyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (470 mg), potassium carbonate (500 mg) and N,N-
30 dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
35 gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained

from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours.

5 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 1-methyl-3-(3-{3-[4-

10 (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid (870 mg, yield 74%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 162-163°C.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 2.16-2.34 (2H, m), 2.96-3.10 (2H, m), 4.04

15 (3H, s), 4.17-4.28 (2H, m), 6.30 (1H, s), 6.39 (1H, s), 7.67-7.77 (2H, m), 7.87-7.97 (2H, m).

Example 8

A mixture of 3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-propyl methanesulfonate (1.04 g), sodium iodide

20 (500 mg), methyl 3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (650 mg), potassium carbonate (500 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was

25 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous

30 sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with

35 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected

by filtration to give 1-phenyl-3-(3-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}propoxy)-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid (1.16 g, yield 85%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 145-
5 146°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.16-2.36 (2H, m), 2.96-3.10 (2H, m), 4.24-4.36 (2H, m), 6.40 (1H, s), 6.50 (1H, s), 7.36-7.47 (5H, m), 7.65-7.75 (2H, m), 7.84-7.94 (2H, m).

Example 9

10 To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (370 mg), triphenylphosphine (530 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution
15 of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene (900 mg) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
20 (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (3 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (3 ml) was added and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
25 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-(4-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}phenyl)propionic acid (620 mg, yield 79%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl
acetate-hexane. melting point: 195-196°C.
30 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.39 (3H, s), 4.64 (2H, s), 4.94 (2H, s), 6.87-6.97 (4H, m), 7.96-8.06 (2H, m), 8.55 (1H, s), 8.61-8.66 (1H, m).

【0148】

Example 10

35 To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (900 mg), methyl (4-hydroxyphenoxy)acetate (650 mg), triphenylphosphine (930 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.59 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room
5 temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
10 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
15 solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 4-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}phenoxy)acetic acid (610 mg, yield 43%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
20 melting point: 138-139°C.
 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 2.39 (3H, s), 4.64 (2H, s), 4.94 (2H, s), 6.87-6.97 (4H, m), 7.96-8.06 (2H, m), 8.55 (1H, s), 8.61-8.66 (1H, m).

Example 11

25 To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (740 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (670 mg), triphenylphosphine (700 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.20 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at
30 room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
35 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran

(5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
5 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[1-phenyl-3-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (930 mg, yield 72%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 139-
10 140°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.76-2.06 (4H, m), 2.56-2.70 (2H, m), 2.84-3.02 (4H, m), 4.18-4.32 (2H, m), 5.68 (1H, s), 6.36 (1H, s), 7.28-7.48 (5H, m), 7.66-7.75 (2H, m), 7.85-7.94 (2H, m).

Example 12

15 A mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butyl methanesulfonate (700 mg), sodium iodide (300 mg), methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (290 mg), potassium carbonate (460 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at 90°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured
20 into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
25 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (3 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
Hydrochloric acid (3 ml) was added, and the mixture was
30 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 4-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)benzoic acid (630
35 mg, yield 81%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl

acetate-hexane. melting point: 170-171°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.82-2.12 (4H, m), 2.86-2.98 (2H, m), 4.02-4.14 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.88-6.98 (2H, m), 7.66-7.76 (2H, m), 7.85-7.95 (2H, m), 8.00-8.10 (2H, m).

5 **【0149】**

Example 13

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (700 mg), methyl 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (400 mg), triphenylphosphine (660 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10
10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.10 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
15 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
20 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [4-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl)butoxy)phenyl]acetic
25 acid (810 mg, yield 80%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 125-126°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.78-2.07 (4H, m), 2.83-2.95 (2H, m), 3.59 (2H, s), 3.94-4.06 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.79-6.91 (2H, m), 7.14-7.26 (2H, m), 7.64-7.76 (2H, m), 7.84-7.96 (2H, m).

30 **Example 14**

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (700 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (440 mg), triphenylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution
35 (1.25 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room

temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (760 mg, yield 72%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.. melting point: 130-131°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.80-2.04 (4H, m), 2.56-2.70 (2H, m), 2.82-2.98 (4H, m), 3.94-4.06 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.77-6.88 (2H, m), 7.07-7.17 (2H, m), 7.64-7.76 (2H, m), 7.85-7.96 (2H, m).

Example 15

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (700 mg), methyl [2-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (500 mg), triphenylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.10 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were

collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[4-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)phenoxy]propionic acid (860 mg, yield 78%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 103-104°C.

5 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.53 (6H, s), 1.80-2.06 (4H, m), 2.86-2.98 (2H, m), 3.94-4.04 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.72-6.95 (4H, m), 7.66-7.75 (2H, m), 7.85-7.94 (2H, m).

【0150】

Example 16

10 To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (700 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (420 mg), triphenylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.13 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the
15 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
20 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
25 (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (800 mg, yield 78%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 134-135°C.

30 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ : 1.80-2.08 (4H, m), 2.84-2.96 (2H, m), 3.62 (2H, s), 3.96-4.06 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.76-6.91 (3H, m), 7.18-7.30 (1H, m), 7.64-7.76 (2H, m), 7.85-7.96 (2H, m).

Example 17

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (700 mg), methyl 2-hydroxyphenylacetate
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(420 mg), triphenylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (1.10 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (800 mg, yield 78%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 122-123°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.78-2.06 (4H, m), 2.78-2.92 (2H, m), 3.65 (2H, s), 3.96-4.07 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.80-6.96 (2H, m), 7.14-7.30 (2H, m), 7.64-7.74 (2H, m), 7.84-7.94 (2H, m).

Example 18

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (330 mg), methyl [2-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (250 mg), triphenylphosphine (310 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (7 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (550 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N

Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
5 collected by filtration to give 2-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]-2-methylpropionic acid (370 mg, yield 71%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 91-92°C.

10 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.54 (6H, s), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m), 2.54-2.66 (2H, m), 3.98 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 4.35 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.76-6.96 (4H, m), 7.81 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.91 (1H, dd, J=2.0, 8.8 Hz), 8.18 (1H, s), 8.55 (1H, d, J=2.0 Hz).

15 【0151】

Example 19

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (250 mg), ethyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (250 mg), triphenylphosphine (280
20 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (480 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
25 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture
30 was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-(2-ethoxy-4-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
35 ylmethoxy}phenyl)propionic acid (310 mg, yield 71%). The

crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

melting point: 151-152°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.42 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.39 (3H, s), 2.60-
2.71 (2H, m), 2.84-2.95 (2H, m), 4.01 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 4.94
5 (2H, s), 6.45-6.54 (2H, m), 7.06-7.14 (1H, m), 7.94-8.08 (2H,
m), 8.56 (1H, s), 8.61-8.68 (1H, m).

Example 20

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-
isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (1.10 g), methyl 3-(3-
10 hydroxyphenyl)propionate (780 mg), triphenylphosphine (1.10 g)
and tetrahydrofuran (15 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution
(1.75 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room
temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
15 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (7 ml), tetrahydrofuran
(7 ml) and methanol (7 ml) was stirred at room temperature for
20 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (7 ml) was added, and the
mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained
colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-
25 (4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-
isoxazolyl}butoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (1.26 g, yield 75%).
The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 131-132°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.80-2.08 (4H, m), 2.60-2.74 (2H, m), 2.85-
30 3.00 (4H, m), 3.96-4.06 (2H, m), 6.36 (1H, s), 6.72-6.84 (3H,
m), 7.15-7.27 (1H, m), 7.67-7.76 (2H, m), 7.86-7.95 (2H, m).

Example 21

To a mixture of 4-{3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-
isoxazolyl}-1-butanol (570 mg), ethyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-
35 hydroxyphenyl)propionate (480 mg), triphenylphosphine (550 mg)

and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (950 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
5 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for
10 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(4-{3-[4-
15 (trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-isoxazolyl)butoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (260 mg, yield 27%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 105-106°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.78-2.08 (4H, m), 2.54-2.72 (2H, m), 2.82-2.97 (4H, m), 3.92-4.08 (4H, m), 6.32-
20 6.44 (3H, m), 6.98-7.10 (1H, m), 7.66-7.76 (2H, m), 7.85-7.95 (2H, m).

【0152】

Example 22

To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
25 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (410 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (230 mg), triphenylphosphine (370 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (630 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution
30 was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
35 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N

Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (330 mg, yield 56%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 82-83°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.47 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 2.02-2.21 (2H, m), 2.69 (2H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 2.94-3.12 (1H, m), 3.64 (2H, s), 4.05 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz), 6.80-6.92 (3H, m), 7.19-7.30 (1H, m), 7.95 (1H, dd, J=1.8, 8.4 Hz), 8.05 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 8.29 (1H, s), 8.57-8.64 (1H, m).

Example 23

To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (380 mg), methyl 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (220 mg), tributylphosphine (260 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (350 mg) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (380 mg, yield 68%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

melting point: 102-103°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.32 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 2.00-2.20 (2H, m),
2.62-2.76 (4H, m), 2.87-3.13 (3H, m), 4.05 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz),
6.73-6.86 (3H, m), 7.15-7.26 (1H, m), 7.91-8.08 (2H, m), 8.27
5 (1H, s), 8.57-8.63 (1H, m).

Example 24

To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (520 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (440 mg),
10 tributylphosphine (510 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
15 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture
20 was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-
25 phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (420 mg, yield 48%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 139-140°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.32 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 2.00-2.20 (2H, m),
2.56-2.76 (4H, m), 2.88-3.12 (3H, m), 4.27 (2H, t, J=6.0 Hz),
30 5.72 (1H, s), 7.30-7.50 (5H, m), 7.95 (1H, dd, J=2.6, 9.0 Hz),
8.04 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 8.27 (1H, s), 8.54-8.61 (1H, m).

[0153]

Example 25

To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (550 mg), ethyl 3-(3-

hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (360 mg), tributylphosphine (530 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (670 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
5 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran
10 (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
15 collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (630 mg, yield 77%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 131-132°C.
20 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.31 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 1.98-2.16 (2H, m), 2.58-3.12 (7H, m), 3.66 (3H, s), 4.16 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 5.49 (1H s), 7.94 (1H, dd, J=1.8, 8.6 Hz), 8.04 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 8.26 (1H, s), 8.56-8.62 (1H, m).

Example 26

25 To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (1.10 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (690 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (15 ml), was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 120 mg) at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred
30 overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
35 gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-

[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (1.03 g, yield 79%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were
5 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 105-106°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.33 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.36 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 3.07-3.24 (1H, m), 3.83 (3H, s), 4.27 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 5.14 (2H, s), 5.95 (1H, s), 6.28 (1H, d, J=15.6 Hz), 7.48 (1H,
10 d, J=15.6 Hz), 7.97 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.4 Hz), 8.07 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 8.56 (1H, s), 8.60-8.66 (1H, m).

Example 27

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-
15 1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (900 mg), 5% palladium-carbon (260 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. A mixture of the obtained crystal, 1N aqueous
20 sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
25 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionic acid (780 mg, yield 92%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
30 melting point: 141-142°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.36 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 2.62-2.94 (4H, m), 3.06-3.24 (1H, m), 3.69 (3H, s), 5.10 (2H, s), 5.51 (1H, s), 7.98 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 9.2 Hz), 8.07 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 8.53 (1H, s), 8.58-8.67 (1H, m).

35 【0154】

Example 28

To a mixture of 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (1.20 g), methyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (830 mg),
5 tributylphosphine (1.60 g) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (2.01 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
10 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture
15 was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-[3-(3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]-
20 2-methylpropionic acid (1.32 g, yield 70%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 101-102°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.32 (6H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 1.63 (6H, s), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m), 2.69 (2H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.94-3.12 (1H, m), 4.00
25 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 6.50-6.70 (3H, m), 7.11-7.24 (1H, m), 7.96 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.8 Hz), 8.06 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.26 (1H, s), 8.54-8.63 (1H, m).

Example 29

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (550 mg), methyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (380 mg),
30 tributylphosphine (730 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (910 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
35 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected

to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]-2-methylpropionic acid (530 mg, yield 62%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 120-121°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.62 (6H, s), 1.96-2.18 (2H, m), 2.62 (2H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.97 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 4.35 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.48-6.68 (3H, m), 7.08-7.23 (1H, m), 7.84 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.93 (1H, dd, J=2.6, 8.8 Hz), 8.16 (1H, s), 8.51-8.56 (1H, m).

Example 30

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (650 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (380 mg), tributylphosphine (930 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1.16 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried

(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (490 mg, yield 53%). The
5 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 134-135°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.02-2.14 (2H, m), 2.60 (2H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 3.62 (2H, s), 4.01 (2H, t, J=6.3 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 6.78-6.88 (3H, m), 7.18-7.28 (1H, m),
10 7.80 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.90 (1H, dd, J=2.4, 8.7 Hz), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.52-8.57 (1H, m).

【0155】

Example 31

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (620 mg), methyl 2-hydroxyphenylacetate (340 mg), tributylphosphine (800 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1.00 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
15 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
20 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
25 collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (310 mg, yield 35%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 83-84°C.

35 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.40 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m),

2.61 (2H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.68 (2H, s), 4.02 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.80-6.96 (2H, m), 7.14-7.28 (2H, m), 7.80 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.90 (1H, dd, J=2.2, 8.8 Hz), 8.20 (1H, s), 8.49-8.56 (1H, m).

5 **Example 32**

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (500 mg), methyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (430 mg), triphenylphosphine (570 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was
10 dropwise added a 40% solution (980 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
15 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
20 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-(3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}phenoxy)propionic acid (600 mg, yield 71%). The
25 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 152-153°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.64 (6H, s), 2.38 (3H, s), 4.99 (2H, s), 6.52-6.68 (3H, m), 7.15 (1H, t, J=8.1 Hz), 7.98-8.08 (2H, m),
30 8.58-8.68 (2H, m).

Example 33

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (550 mg), methyl 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (330 mg), tributylphosphine (700 mg)
35 and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-

azodicarbonyldipiperidine (880 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
5 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
10 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
15 yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (590 mg, yield 73%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 88-89°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.41 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m), 2.54-2.76 (4H, m), 2.88-3.02 (2H, m), 4.00 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz),
20 4.35 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 6.71-6.88 (3H, m), 7.14-7.24 (1H, m), 7.77-7.96 (2H, m), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.52-8.60 (1H, m).

【0156】

Example 34

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (520 mg), methyl [2-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (430 mg), triphenylphosphine (580 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (980 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the
30 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
35 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol

(5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
5 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-(4-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}phenoxy)propionic acid (330 mg, yield 38%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane.
10 melting point: 106-107°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.55 (6H, s), 2.39 (3H, s), 4.94 (2H, s), 6.85-6.99 (4H, m), 7.95-8.07 (2H, m), 8.55 (1H, s), 8.61-8.66 (1H, m).

Example 35

15 To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (460 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (820 mg) at room temperature and the
20 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
25 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
30 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (540 mg, yield 67%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
35 melting point: 96-97°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.37-1.48 (6H, m), 2.02-2.16 (2H, m), 2.56-2.69 (4H, m), 2.83-2.94 (2H, m), 3.93-4.06 (4H, m), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 6.34-6.47 (2H, m), 7.02 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.76-7.94 (2H, m), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.50-8.58 (1H, m).

5 **Example 36**

To a mixture of 1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazole-5-carbaldehyde (2.00 g), ethyl diethylphosphonoacetate (1.35 g) and N,N-dimethylformamide (30 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 240 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and then with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl (E)-3-(1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (2.14 g, yield 80%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 173-174°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.33 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 2.40 (3H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 4.26 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 5.94 (1H, s), 6.27 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz), 7.47 (1H, d, J=15.9 Hz), 7.94-8.04 (2H, m), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.60-8.65 (1H, m).

【0157】

Example 37

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (600 mg), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at 60°C for 2 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (10 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous

sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give (E)-3-(1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoic acid (520 mg, yield 93%). The crystals were recrystallized from acetone-hexane. melting point: 208-209°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.41 (3H, s), 3.85 (3H, s), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.00 (1H, s), 6.28 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz), 7.57 (1H, d, J=15.8 Hz), 7.93-8.07 (2H, m), 8.58 (1H, s), 8.60-8.66 (1H, m).

10 **Example 38**

A mixture of ethyl (E)-3-(1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propenoate (1.25 g), 5% palladium-carbon (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-(1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionic acid (1.13 g, yield 96%). The crystals were recrystallized from acetone-hexane. melting point: 154-155°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.39 (3H, s), 2.64-2.77 (2H, m), 2.81-2.94 (2H, m), 3.68 (3H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 5.51 (1H, s), 7.94-8.07 (2H, m), 8.54 (1H, s), 8.60-8.65 (1H, m).

Example 39

To a mixture of {3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (1.50 g), methyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (830 mg),

triphenylphosphine (1.40 g) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (2.35 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 3-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (2.00 g, yield 90%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 114-115°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.36 (6H, d, J=6.9 Hz), 3.10-3.24 (1H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.06 (3H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 6.21 (1H, s), 7.94-8.10 (2H, m), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.61-8.66 (1H, m).

15 **[0158]**

Example 40

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (3.95 g), methyl 3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (2.39 g), triphenylphosphine (4.50 g) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (7.60 g) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and methyl 1-methyl-3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy}-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylate (4.90 g, yield 81%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 130-131°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 2.40 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 4.05 (3H, s), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.20 (1H, s), 7.94-8.06 (2H, m), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.59-8.67 (1H, m).

Example 41

35 To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (0.40 g), methyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (280 mg), tributylphosphine (500 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (630 mg) at room
5 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
10 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
15 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]propionic acid (300 mg, yield 48%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
20 melting point: 99-100°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.00 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.61 (6H, s), 1.60-1.83 (2H m), 1.98-2.10 (2H, m), 2.55-2.76 (4H, m), 3.98 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 6.50-6.70 (3H, m), 7.11-7.24 (1H, m), 7.90-8.08 (2H, m), 8.27 (1H, s), 8.55-8.64 (1H, m).

25 **Example 42**

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (440 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was
30 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
35 (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,

1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (460 mg, yield 55%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 121-122°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.42 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.96-2.18 (2H, m), 2.52-2.71 (4H, m), 2.88-3.00 (2H, m), 4.17-4.28 (2H, m), 4.35 (2H, q, J=7.0 Hz), 5.71 (1H, s), 7.27-7.50 (5H, m), 7.76-7.95 (2H, m), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.50-8.56 (1H, m).

【0159】

Example 43

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (540 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (450 mg), tributylphosphine (700 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (860 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[1-phenyl-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1H-

pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (630 mg, yield 69%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 149-150°C.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.00 (3H, t, J=7.2 Hz), 1.62-1.85 (2H, m),
5 1.98-2.18 (2H, m), 2.55-2.71 (6H, m), 2.88-3.02 (2H, m), 4.18-4.30 (2H, m), 5.71 (1H, s), 7.27-7.51 (5H, m), 7.89-8.06 (2H, m), 8.29 (1H, s), 8.55-8.62 (1H, m).

Example 44

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
10 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (550 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (740 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (890 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
15 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
20 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
25 collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (630 mg, yield 80%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 106-107°C.

30 ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.00 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.62-1.82 (2H m), 2.00-2.18 (2H, m), 2.55-2.74 (4H, m), 3.62 (2H, s), 4.03 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 6.70-6.92 (3H, m), 7.17-7.32 (1H, m), 7.90-8.05 (2H, m), 8.30 (1H, s), 8.58-8.64 (1H, m).

Example 45

35 To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (320 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (800 mg) at room
5 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
10 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
15 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[1-methyl-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (550 mg, yield 74%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point:
20 80-81°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.00 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.60-1.84 (2H, m), 1.95-2.14 (2H, m), 2.54-2.93 (8H, m), 3.66 (3H, s), 4.08-4.20 (2H, m), 5.48 (1H, s), 7.90-8.06 (2H, m), 8.28 (1H, s), 8.57-8.64 (1H, m).

25 **【0160】**

Example 46

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (550 mg), methyl 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (750 mg) and
30 tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (890 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
35 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
5 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (590 mg, yield 75%). The
10 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 101-102°C.
¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.00 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.62-1.84 (2H m), 2.01-2.19 (2H, m), 2.55-2.73 (4H, m), 3.60 (2H, s), 3.96-4.06
15 (2H, m), 6.82-6.92 (2H, m), 7.14-7.24 (2H, m), 7.90-8.06 (2H, m), 8.30 (1H, s), 8.57-8.64 (1H, m).

Example 47

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (550 mg), methyl 2-
20 hydroxyphenylacetate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (750 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (900 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
25 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
30 Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
35 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-

yl]propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (620 mg, yield 79%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 100-101°C.

Example 48

5 To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (346 mg), tributylphosphine (790 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (53 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (800 mg) at room
10 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
15 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
20 solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (370 mg, yield 50%). melting point: 137-
25 138°C.

【0161】

Example 49

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-
30 hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (437 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
35 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was

obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature
5 for 2 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-
10 hexane to give 3-[3-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (594 mg, yield 72%). melting point: 137-138°C.

Example 50

15 To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (333 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room
20 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
25 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
30 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (366 mg, yield 50%). melting point: 113-
35 114°C.

Example 51

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (279 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and
5 tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
10 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:20, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) at room temperature for 6 hours was stirred. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was
15 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from diisopropyl ether-hexane, [3-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (165 mg, yield 23%). melting
20 point: 114-115°C.

【0162】

Example 52

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 2-
25 hydroxyphenylacetate (279 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (80 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
30 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and
35 ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours.

1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
5 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [2-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (376 mg, yield 53%). melting point: 125-126°C.

Example 53

10 To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (279 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the
15 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
20 hydroxide solution (50 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (50 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
25 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [4-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (335 mg, yield 47%). melting point: 130-131°C.

Example 54

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (353 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-
35 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the

mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9, volume ratio).

5 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (50 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (50 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
10 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The obtained colorless crystals were
15 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 2-[3-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoic acid (258 mg, yield 33%). melting point: 81-82°C.

【0163】

20 **Example 55**

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (303 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-
25 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio).
30 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (50 ml), tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (50 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
35 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried

(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (231 mg, yield 32%). melting point: 144-145°C.

Example 56

To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (285 mg), tributylphosphine (496 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (503 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (15 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (372 mg, yield 72%). melting point: 155-156°C.

Example 57

To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (300 mg), methyl 2-hydroxyphenylacetate (183 mg), tributylphosphine (496 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (50 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (502 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column

chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and
5 ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
10 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [2-(2-(3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (242 mg, yield 56%). melting point: 134-135°C.

【0164】

15 **Example 58**

To a mixture of 4-(3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-butanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (437 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was
20 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
25 (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
30 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[1-phenyl-3-(4-(3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (505 mg, yield 61%). melting
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point: 123-124°C.

Example 59

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 3-
5 hydroxyphenylacetate (508 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
10 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours.
15 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [3-(4-{3-
20 propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (330 mg, yield 47%). melting point: 96-97°C.

Example 60

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
25 pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 2-hydroxyphenylacetate (279 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
30 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and
35 ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours.

1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
5 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [2-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (236 mg, yield 33%). melting point: 95-97°C.

【0165】

10 **Example 61**

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (286 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was
15 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
20 (1:3, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
25 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [1-methyl-3-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (340 mg, yield 48%). melting point:
30 95-97°C.

Example 62

To a mixture of 2-(3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethanol (460 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (507 mg), tributylphosphine (761 µL) and
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tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
5 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio).
A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and
ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours.
10 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was
extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were
15 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:2, volume ratio). The obtained colorless crystals were
recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [3-(2-{3-
ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
yl}ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (206 mg, yield 31%). melting
20 point: 128-130°C.

Example 63

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 3-
hydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetate (899 mg), tributylphosphine
25 (1.14 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1.16 g) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
30 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and
ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours.
1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was
35 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was

washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [4-methoxy-3-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (388 mg, yield 52%). melting point: 147-148°C.

[0166]

Example 64

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)propanoate (350 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-methyl-4-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (323 mg, yield 43%). melting point: 105-107°C.

Example 65

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (480 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)propanoate (351 mg), tributylphosphine (763 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (773 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was

concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
5 hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
10 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-methyl-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (147 mg, yield 20%).
melting point: 124-126°C.

15 **Example 66**

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (390 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was
20 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
25 (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
30 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [1-phenyl-3-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (600 mg, yield 74%). melting point:

114-115°C.

【0167】

Example 67

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (480 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (391 mg), tributylphosphine (763 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (77 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (773 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [1-phenyl-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (601 mg, yield 76%). melting point: 123-124°C.

Example 68

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (390 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,

1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [3-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (471 mg, yield 58%). melting point: 119-120°C.

Example 69

To a mixture of 4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (350 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (674 mg), tributylphosphine (799 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (53 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (809 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(4-{3-isopropyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (319 mg, yield 59%). melting point: 125-126°C.

【0168】

Example 70

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-

hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (333 mg), tributylphosphine (761 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (76 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (771 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
5 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran
10 (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained
15 colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[1-methyl-3-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (345 mg, yield 47%). melting point: 122-123°C.

20 **Example 71**

To a mixture of 3-{3-(benzyloxy)-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (247 mg), tributylphosphine (394 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (40 ml) was
25 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (399 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
30 (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
35 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride

solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (378 mg, yield 81%). melting point: 159-161°C.

Example 72

To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (400 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (339 mg), tributylphosphine (662 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (66 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (670 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [3-(2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (544 mg, yield 82%). melting point: 135-137°C.

【0169】

Example 73

To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (400 mg), methyl 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (243 mg), tributylphosphine (662 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (66 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (670 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was

concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
5 hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
10 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [4-(2-(3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (123 mg, yield 21%). melting point: 142-143°C.

15 **Example 74**

To a mixture of 2-(3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)ethanol (400 mg), methyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (335 mg), tributylphosphine (662 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (66 ml) was added 1,1'-
20 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (670 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
25 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
30 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The obtained colorless crystals were
35 recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 2-[3-(2-(3-

ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethoxy)phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoic acid (169 mg, yield 26%).
melting point: 89-90°C.

Example 75

5 To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (350 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (733 mg), tributylphosphine (868 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (58 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (879 mg) at room temperature
10 overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a pale-yellow oily substance was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:3, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
15 hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
20 (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1.5, volume ratio). The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(2-{3-
25 ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethoxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (337 mg, yield 61%).
melting point: 147-148°C.

【0170】

Example 76

30 To a mixture of 2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethanol (400 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)propaneacetate (332 mg), tributylphosphine (662 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (66 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (670 mg) at room
35 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The

reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
5 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
10 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(2-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}ethoxy)-2-methylphenyl]propanoic acid (210 mg, yield 34%). melting point: 117-119°C.

15 **Example 77**

A mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyl methanesulfonate (500 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 74.0 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and a
20 solution of ethyl 3-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoate (350 mg) in N,N-dimethylformamide (2 ml) was added. After stirring overnight, water was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
25 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml),
30 tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The
35 obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl

acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoic acid (395 mg, yield 59%). melting point: 119-121°C.

Example 78

A mixture of ethyl 3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propanoate (500 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 113 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (22 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyl methanesulfonate (870 mg) was added. After stirring the resulting mixture overnight, 0.1N aqueous hydrochloric acid solution (100 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.39 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give sodium 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoate (657 mg, yield 59%). melting point: 250-251°C.

【0171】

Example 79

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (470 mg), ethyl 4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenylacetate (320 mg), tributylphosphine (610 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (760 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-methoxy-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (550 mg, yield 77%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 121-122°C.

Example 80

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (510 mg), methyl 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetate (799 mg), tributylphosphine (1.01 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1.03 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was

washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [4-methoxy-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (451 mg, yield 58%). melting point: 124-126°C.

Example 81

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (560 mg), ethyl 3-(5-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (441 mg), tributylphosphine (892 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (903 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) A mixture of was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-methoxy-5-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (407 mg, yield 46%). melting point: 104-106°C.

[0172]

Example 82

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (700 mg)

and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
5 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
(5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
10 Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-
15 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (650 mg, yield 88%). The
crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 118-119°C.

Example 83

20 To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(2-
hydroxyphenyl)propionate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (700 mg)
and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (800 mg) at room temperature and the
25 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
30 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
(5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
35 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were

collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (420 mg, yield 57%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

5 melting point: 87-88°C.

Example 84

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (700 mg)
10 and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (800 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
15 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
20 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (520 mg, yield 71%). The
25 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 97-98°C.

【0173】

Example 85

30 To a mixture of 3-(3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propionate (340 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the
35 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was

concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
5 hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
10 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-methoxyphenyl]propionic acid (530 mg, yield 67%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point:
15 120-121°C.

Example 86

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (510 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propionate (360 mg), tributylphosphine
20 (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
25 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
30 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methoxy-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (520 mg, yield 65%). The
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crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 114-115°C.

Example 87

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
5 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (510 mg), methyl (3-
hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (290 mg),
tributylphosphine (680 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was
added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (860 mg) at room
temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
10 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran
15 (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for
5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture
was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
20 collected by filtration to give [1-methyl-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-
(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1H-
pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (570 mg, yield 77%). The crystals
were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point:
119-120°C.

25 【0174】

Example 88

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (500 mg), methyl 4-
hydroxyphenylacetate (270 mg), tributylphosphine (620 mg) and
30 tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (780 mg) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
35 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
5 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [4-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
10 yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (410 mg, yield 58%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 121-122°C.

Example 89

To a mixture of 4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
15 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-butanol (510 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propionate (330 mg), tributylphosphine (630 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (790 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
20 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
25 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
30 collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methoxy-4-(4-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (510 mg, yield 65%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 91-92°C.

Example 90

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (190 mg), methyl 2-fluoro-5-hydroxyphenylacetate (110 mg), tributylphosphine (250 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-
5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (310 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
10 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
15 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-fluoro-5-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (220 mg, yield 79%). The
20 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 111-112°C.

【0175】

Example 91

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (390 mg), methyl 4-fluoro-3-hydroxyphenylacetate (230 mg), tributylphosphine (510 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
25 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (640 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
30 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N

Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [4-fluoro-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (220 mg, yield 79%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 88-89°C.

10 **Example 92**

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propionate (380 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and ethanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-methoxy-5-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (380 mg, yield 48%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 98-99°C.

Example 93

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)propionate (360 mg), tributylphosphine

(650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (35 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-methoxy-3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (280 mg, yield 70%). melting point: 147-148°C.

【0176】

Example 94

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (650 mg), methyl 4-hydroxy-2-methylphenylacetate (390 mg), tributylphosphine (840 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (1050 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were

collected by filtration to give [2-methyl-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (590 mg, yield 62%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.

5 melting point: 134-135°C.

Example 95

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (470 mg), methyl 4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenylacetate (300 mg), tributylphosphine
10 (610 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (760 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
15 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added and the mixture was
20 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-methoxy-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (580 mg, yield 81%). The
25 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 135-136°C.

Example 96

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (470 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propionate (350 mg), tributylphosphine
30 (610 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (760 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
35 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column

chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
5 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected
10 by filtration to give 3-[3-methoxy-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (590 mg, yield 80%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 126-127°C.

15 **[0177]**

Example 97

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (580 mg), methyl (5-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)acetate (400 mg), tributylphosphine
20 (924 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (90 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (936 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 days. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a pale-yellow oily substance was obtained
25 from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature overnight. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was
30 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained pale-yellow crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [2-methoxy-5-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (483 mg, yield 55%) as
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colorless crystals. melting point: 135-136°C.

Example 98

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-ethoxyphenyl)propanoate (395 mg), tributylphosphine (797 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (80 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (807 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:7, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained solid, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (442 mg, yield 55%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 119-120°C.

Example 99

To a mixture of 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-ethoxyphenyl)propanoate (260 mg), tributylphosphine (480 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (600 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:7, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained solid, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (30 ml), tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) and ethanol (30 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric

acid (30 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from
5 ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (373 mg, yield 60%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 135-136°C.

【0178】

10 **Example 100**

A mixture of ethyl 2-{3-[3-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (300 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 63.6 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and
15 iodocyclopentane (184 µL) was added. After stirring overnight, saturated aqueous ammonia chloride was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the obtained residue,
20 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
25 solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (645 µL),
30 tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and concentrated. To a mixture of the obtained residue and water (25 ml) was added calcium chloride (69.0 mg) dissolved in a small amount of water, and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The
35 resulting white precipitates were collected by filtration to

give calcium 2-{3-[3-(1-cyclopentyl-3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (256 mg, yield 74%) as amorphous.

¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 1.25 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.41 (6H, s),
5 1.52 - 1.61 (2H, m), 1.67 - 2.00 (8H, m), 2.32 - 2.39 (2H, m),
3.83 - 3.90 (2H, m), 4.09 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.34 - 4.45
(1H, m), 6.34 - 6.44 (3H, m), 6.96 - 7.04 (1H, m), 7.35 (1H,
s).

Example 101

10 To a mixture of 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (420 mg), ethyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (419 mg), tributylphosphine (847 μL) and tetrahydrofuran (34 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (858 mg) at room temperature and the
15 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
20 hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
25 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 2-(3-{3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propoxy}phenoxy)-2-propanoic acid (291 mg, yield 40%). melting point: 99-101°C.

Example 102

30 A mixture of ethyl 2-{3-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenoxy}-2-methylpropanoate (740 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 90.8 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (412 mg) was added. After stirring
35 the obtained reaction mixture overnight, saturated aqueous

ammonia chloride was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 days. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (893 μL), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and concentrated. To a mixture of the obtained residue and water (25 ml) was added calcium chloride (90.8 mg) dissolved in a small amount of water and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting white precipitates were collected by filtration to give calcium 2-[3-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoate (394 mg, yield 39%) as amorphous.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO-d_6) δ : 1.36 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.40 (6H, s), 1.62 - 1.78 (4H, m), 2.36 - 2.46 (2H, m), 3.85 - 3.94 (2H, m), 4.31 (2H, q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 6.34 - 6.44 (3H, m), 6.95 - 7.04 (1H, m), 7.79 (1H, d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 8.20 - 8.27 (1H, m), 8.32 (1H, s), 8.69 - 8.74 (1H, m).

【0179】

Example 103

To a mixture of 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-

pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (346 mg), tributylphosphine (603 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (611 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a yellow oily substance was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-(3-{3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propoxy}-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoic acid (483 mg, yield 87%). melting point: 156-157°C.

Example 104

A mixture of ethyl 3-{3-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl}propanoate (900 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 101 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. 2-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (459 mg) was added. After stirring the obtained mixture overnight, saturated aqueous ammonia chloride was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. A mixture of the obtained yellow oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was

subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The obtained solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (640 mg, yield 56%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 138-139°C.

Example 105

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (512 mg), ethyl 2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (401 mg), tributylphosphine (812 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (35 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (823 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (995 μ L), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour and concentrated. To a mixture of the obtained residue and water (50 ml) was added calcium chloride (110 mg) dissolved in water (5 ml) and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting white precipitates were collected by filtration to give calcium 2-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-

yl}propoxy}phenoxy]-2-methylpropanoate (440 mg, yield 53%) as amorphous.

¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 1.28 - 1.48 (3H, m), 1.41 (6H, s), 1.87 - 2.08 (2H, m), 2.41 - 2.56 (2H, m), 3.86 - 4.00 (2H, m), 4.20 - 4.39 (2H, m), 6.31 - 6.52 (3H, m), 6.93 - 7.10 (1H, m), 7.69 - 7.96 (4H, m), 8.38 (1H, s).

【0180】

Example 106

To a mixture of 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (300 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (402 mg), tributylphosphine (603 μL) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (611 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 days. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless oil was recrystallized from diisopropyl ether-hexane to give (3-{3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy}phenyl)acetic acid (247 mg, yield 53%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 66-67°C.

Example 107

A mixture of methyl 3-{2-ethoxy-4-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenyl}propanoate (860 mg), sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 106 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (479 mg) was added. After stirring overnight, saturated aqueous ammonia chloride was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl

acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the obtained yellow oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and
5 ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
10 gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). The obtained solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (718 mg, yield 63%) as
15 colorless crystals. melting point: 101-102°C.

Example 108

To a mixture of 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (300 mg), methyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (298 mg), tributylphosphine (603 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was added 1,1'-
20 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (611 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
25 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N
30 Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-(2-ethoxy-
35 4-{3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-

yl]propoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid (323 mg, yield 61%). melting point: 110-111°C.

[0181]

Example 109

5 To a mixture of 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (298 mg), tributylphosphine (603 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (611 mg) at room temperature and the
10 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
15 hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
20 (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-(4-{3-[3-ethoxy-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propoxy}-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid (416 mg, yield 81%). melting point: 92-93°C.

25 **Example 110**

A mixture of ethyl 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propanoate (680 mg), sodium
hydride (60%, in oil, 86.4 mg), N,N-dimethylformamide (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and 2-chloro-5-
30 (trifluoromethyl)pyridine (391 mg) was added. After stirring the obtained mixture for 7 hours, saturated aqueous ammonia chloride was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and
35 concentrated. A mixture of the obtained yellow oily substance,

1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
5 layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily
10 substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, and concentrated. To a mixture of the obtained residue and water (50 ml) was added calcium chloride (134 mg) dissolved in a small amount of water and the
15 mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting white precipitates were collected by filtration to give calcium 3-[3-ethoxy-1-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]propanoate (654 mg, yield 71%) as amorphous.
20 ¹H-NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 1.22 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.36 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.40 - 1.54 (2H, m), 1.66 - 1.78 (2H, m), 2.26 - 2.44 (4H, m), 2.46 - 2.58 (2H, m), 3.69 - 3.78 (2H, m), 4.11 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.27 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.93 (1H, s), 7.71 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.79 - 7.85 (1H, m), 8.05 (1H, s), 8.44 -
25 8.49 (1H, m).

Example 111

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (157 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propanoate (130
30 mg), tributylphosphine (249 μL) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (252 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
35 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane

(1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the
5 mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless oil was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-
10 pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propanoic acid (99.5 mg, yield 38%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 126-127°C.

[0182]

Example 112

15 A mixture of ethyl 3-[2-(benzyloxy)-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (250 mg), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N
20 Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-
25 (benzyloxy)-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (237 mg, yield 99%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 128-130°C.

Example 113

30 To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (422 mg), tributylphosphine (633 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (641 mg) at room temperature and the
35 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was

concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
5 hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
10 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (424 mg, yield 74%). melting point: 108-109°C.

15 **Example 114**

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (314 mg), tributylphosphine (633 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was
20 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (641 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
25 (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained solid, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
30 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (420 mg, yield 65%) as
35 colorless crystals. melting point: 131-132°C.

【0183】

Example 115

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg),
5 ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (314 mg),
tributylphosphine (633 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) was
added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (641 mg) at room
temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
10 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran
(25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred at room temperature
15 for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the
mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate
layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride
solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained
colorless oil was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to
20 give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-
pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (423 mg,
yield 68%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 125-126°C.

Example 116

To a mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-
25 hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (300 mg), isopropanol (49.5 μ L),
tributylphosphine (294 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (15 ml) was
added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (298 mg) at room
temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
30 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran
35 (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room

temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-isopropoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (76.0 mg, yield 25%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 104-105°C.

Example 117

To a mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (400 mg), propanol (119 µL), tributylphosphine (393 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (399 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 days. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a white solid was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:7, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained solid, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-propoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (259 mg, yield 63%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 126-127°C.

[0184]

Example 118

To a mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (470 mg), butanol (170 µL),

tributylphosphine (461 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (467 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
5 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room
10 temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The obtained white solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane to give 3-
15 [2-butoxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (235 mg, yield 47%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 123-124°C.

Example 119

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (463 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)acetate (250 mg), tributylphosphine (728 μ L) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (764 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
20 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a yellow oily substance was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:2, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (25 ml),
30 tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. 1N Hydrochloric acid (25 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated. The
35 obtained pale-yellow crystals were recrystallized from ethyl

acetate-hexane to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]acetic acid (255 mg, yield 39%) as colorless crystals. melting point: 151-152°C.

5 **Example 120**

To a mixture of {3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (250 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propionate (180 mg), triphenylphosphine (280 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was
10 dropwise added a 40% solution (460 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with
15 ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate.
20 The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methoxy-4-({3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (210
25 mg, yield 53%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 153-154°C.

【0185】

Example 121

To a mixture of {3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (410 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)propionate (300 mg), triphenylphosphine (450 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40%
30 solution (750 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
35 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected

to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methyl-4-({3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (460 mg, yield 72%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 129-130°C.

Example 122

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (220 mg), methyl 3-(4-hydroxy-2-methoxyphenyl)propionate (180 mg), triphenylphosphine (260 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40% solution (450 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methoxy-4-({3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (220 mg, yield 59%). The

crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 158-159°C.

Example 123

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
5 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (380 mg), ethyl 3-(4-
hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)propionate (300 mg), triphenylphosphine
(450 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was dropwise added a 40%
solution (450 mg) of diethyl azodicarboxylate in toluene at
room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
10 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane
(1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran
15 (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for
5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture
was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
20 collected by filtration to give 3-[2-methyl-4-({3-methyl-1-[5-
(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
yl}methoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (380 mg, yield 63%). The
crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane.
melting point: 144-145°C.

25 【0186】

Example 124

To a mixture of 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 3-
hydroxyphenylacetate (200 mg), tributylphosphine (480 mg) and
30 tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (600 mg) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
35 fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted
5 with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (520 mg,
10 yield 94%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 132-133°C.

Example 125

To a mixture of 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (420 mg), ethyl 3-(3-
15 hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (320 mg), tributylphosphine (500 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (630 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
20 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for
25 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[1-phenyl-3-(3-{3-phenyl-1-
30 [5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (640 mg, yield 94%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 175-176°C.

Example 126

35 To a mixture of 3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-

pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (420 mg), methyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate (330 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (510 mg, yield 73%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 129-130°C.

【0187】

Example 127

To a mixture of 3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (240 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted

with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (550 mg, yield 93%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 96-97°C.

Example 128

To a mixture of 3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (420 mg), ethyl 3-(3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)propionate (390 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-(3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)propoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]propionic acid (700 mg, yield 95%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 125-126°C.

Example 129

To a mixture of 3-(3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-propanol (420 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propionate (330 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the

mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
5 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
10 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-methoxy-4-(3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (510 mg, yield 75%). The
15 crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 136-137°C.

【0188】

Example 130

To a mixture of 3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (420 mg), ethyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (340 mg),
20 tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
25 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran
30 (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
35 collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[3-(3-{3-methyl-1-

[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]propionic acid (520 mg, yield 76%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 107-108°C.

Example 131

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (460 mg), ethyl 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetate (310 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-4-methoxyphenyl]acetic acid (560 mg, yield 80%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 142-143°C.

Example 132

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenylacetate (250 mg), tributylphosphine (520 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted
5 with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-5-methoxyphenyl]acetic
10 acid (560 mg, yield 92%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 138-139°C.

[0189]

Example 133

To a mixture of 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), ethyl [2-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-2-methyl]propionate (260 mg), tributylphosphine (480 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (600 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The
20 reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran
25 (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
30 collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[3-(3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenoxy]propionic acid (540 mg, yield 80%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 141-142°C.

35 Example 134

To a mixture of 3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 2-hydroxyphenylacetate (240 mg), tributylphosphine (600 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (750 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
10 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
15 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-phenyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (510 mg, yield 74%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl
20 acetate-hexane. melting point: 133-134°C.

Example 135

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (220 mg),
25 tributylphosphine (520 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was
30 obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture
35 was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was

washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (440 mg, yield 76%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 115-116°C.

[0190]

Example 136

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl (3-hydroxy-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)acetate (300 mg), tributylphosphine (520 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetic acid (580 mg, yield 89%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 117-118°C.

Example 137

To a mixture of methyl {2-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenyl}acetate (550 mg), 2-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (300 mg) and N,N-dimethylformamide (5 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 70 mg) at 0°C, and

the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
5 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and
10 methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
15 collected by filtration to give [2-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (100 mg, yield 13%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 109-110°C.

20 **Example 138**

A mixture of methyl {2-[4-(3-ethoxy-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)butoxy]phenyl}acetate (1.52 g), 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboric acid (1.74 g), copper(II) acetate (1.25 g), pyridine (0.67 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (20 ml)
25 was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The reaction mixture was poured into dilute hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica
30 gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (10 ml), tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) and methanol (10 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour.
35 1N Hydrochloric acid (10 ml) was added, and the mixture was

extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (4 ml) and
5 methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. After concentration, water (15 ml) was added. A solution of calcium chloride (350 mg) in water (5 ml) was slowly added while stirring the mixture at room temperature. The obtained colorless amorphous was removed by filtration to
10 give calcium [2-(4-{3-ethoxy-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}butoxy)phenyl]acetate (830 mg, yield 38%).

【0191】

Example 139

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenylacetate (260 mg), tributylphosphine (520 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
20 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
25 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected
30 by filtration to give [5-chloro-2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (580 mg, yield 94%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 130-131°C.

35 Example 140

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propionate (290 mg), tributylphosphine (520 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
10 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
15 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-5-methoxyphenyl]propionic acid (470 mg, yield 75%). The crystals
20 were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 104-105°C.

Example 141

To a mixture of 3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), methyl 2-
25 hydroxyphenylacetate (240 mg), tributylphosphine (580 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (720 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
30 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N
35 hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted

with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (410 mg, yield 70%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 128-129°C.

[0192]

Example 142

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), methyl 2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenylacetate (190 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-4-methoxyphenyl]acetic acid (310 mg, yield 68%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 147-148°C.

Example 143

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)propionate (220 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the

mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
5 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
10 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-4-methoxyphenyl]propionic acid (340 mg, yield 73%). The crystals
15 were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 115-116°C.

Example 144

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), methyl 3-(2-
20 hydroxyphenyl)propionate (180 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
25 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N
30 hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-

yl}propoxy)phenyl]propionic acid (360 mg, yield 82%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 93-94°C.

【0193】

5 **Example 145**

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propionate (220 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
10 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
15 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
20 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]propionic acid (360 mg, yield 77%). The crystals
25 were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 87-88°C.

Example 146

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), methyl 2-
30 hydroxy-3-methoxyphenylacetate (200 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
35 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a

fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N
5 hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-
10 2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]acetic acid (190 mg, yield 42%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 122-123°C.

Example 147

To a mixture of {3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
15 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (300 mg), methyl 3-hydroxyphenylacetate (190 mg), tributylphosphine (430 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (550 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
20 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol
25 (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected
30 by filtration to give [3-({3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (340 mg, yield 77%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 77-78°C.

[0194]

35 Example 148

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (300 mg), ethyl 3-(2-hydroxy-6-methoxyphenyl)propionate (220 mg), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (510 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
10 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and ethanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with
15 saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-6-methoxyphenyl]propionic acid (170 mg, yield 36%). The crystals
20 were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 110-111°C.

Example 149

To a mixture of {3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol (300 mg), methyl 3-
25 hydroxyphenylacetate (250 mg), tributylphosphine (480 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (600 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
30 chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol (5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and 1N
35 hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added. The mixture was extracted

with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-({3-methyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (330 mg, yield 72%). The crystals were recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane. melting point: 142-143°C.

Example 150

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (400 mg), ethyl 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (310 mg), tributylphosphine (530 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (650 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (440 mg, yield 69%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 131-132°C.

[0195]

Example 151

A mixture of methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (500 mg), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (3 ml), tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) and methanol

(5 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and concentrated. 1N Hydrochloric acid (3 ml) was added and the obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration, washed with water and acetonitrile and dried to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (470 mg, yield 97%). melting point: 192-194°C.

Example 152

To a mixture of methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (600 mg), methyl iodide (0.11 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (6 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 58 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-methoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (350 mg, yield 58%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 145-146°C.

Example 153

To a mixture of methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (600 mg), 1-iodopropane (0.14 ml)

and N,N-dimethylformamide (6 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 58 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-propoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (380 mg, yield 60%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 112-113°C.

[0196]

Example 154

To a mixture of methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (600 mg), 2-propanol (0.15 ml), triphenylphosphine (480 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (370 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 hours. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture

was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-
5 isopropoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (520 mg, yield 82%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 128-129°C.

Example 155

10 To a mixture of methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (600 mg), 1-iodobutane (0.17 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (6 ml) was added sodium hydride (60%, in oil, 58 mg) at 0°C and the mixture was stirred
15 overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and
20 colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml)
25 was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-butoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-
30 pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-ethoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (320 mg, yield 49%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 102-103°C.

Example 156

A mixture of methyl 3-[4-(3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-

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ethoxyphenyl]propanoate (600 mg), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with
5 ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-
10 ethoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (380 mg, yield 65%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 106-107°C.

[0197]

Example 157

15 To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 2-methyl-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (370 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the
20 mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 4N aqueous sodium
25 hydroxide solution (1 ml) and methanol (10 ml) was refluxed for 15 hours. After cooling, 1N Hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The
30 obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[4-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (250 mg, yield 54%). The crystals were recrystallized from hexane. melting point: 84-85°C.

35 **Example 158**

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 2-methyl-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (360 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-

5 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
10 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 4N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 ml) and methanol (10 ml) was refluxed for 15 hours. After cooling, 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium
15 chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated to give 2-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]-2-methylpropanoic acid (410 mg, yield 84%) as a yellow oily substance.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.40 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.58 (6H, s), 2.08
20 (2H, quintet, J=7.3 Hz), 2.60 (2H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 3.99 (2H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 6.84-6.89 (2H, m), 7.28-7.33 (2H, m), 7.81 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.90 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.3 Hz), 8.19 (1H, s), 8.54-8.56 (1H, m).

Example 159

25 To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 2-methyl-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (370 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room
30 temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance,
35 4N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 ml) and methanol (10

ml) was refluxed for 15 hours. After cooling, 1N hydrochloric acid (5 ml) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
5 (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-methyl-2-[3-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (320 mg, yield 42%). The crystals were recrystallized from hexane. melting point: 82-
10 83°C.

[0198]

Example 160

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 2-
15 methyl-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (370 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) To a mixture of was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected
20 to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 4N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1 ml) and methanol (10 ml) was refluxed for 15 hours. After cooling, 1N hydrochloric
25 acid (5 ml) was added to the reaction mixture, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 2-[3-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-
30 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]-2-methylpropanoic acid (420 mg, yield 87%). The crystals were recrystallized from hexane. melting point: 131-132°C.

Example 161

A mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-
35 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-

hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (500 mg), 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (3 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (3 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with
5 ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-
10 hydroxyphenyl]propanoic acid (330 mg, yield 75%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 124-125°C.

Example 162

A mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-
15 hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (500 mg), potassium carbonate (160 mg), iodoethane (0.3 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (8 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The
20 ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the
25 obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous
30 sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (370 mg, yield 75%). The crystals were recrystallized from
35 isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 114-115°C.

【0199】

Example 163

A mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (500 mg), potassium carbonate (160 mg), 1-iodopropane (0.2 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (8 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-propoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (440 mg, yield 86%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 106-107°C.

Example 164

To a mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (200 mg), 2-propanol (0.11 ml), tributylphosphine (400 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (500 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane

(1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the
5 mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-isopropoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (320 mg, yield
10 62%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 93-94°C.

Example 165

A mixture of ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (500 mg), potassium carbonate (160 mg), 1-iodobutane (0.3 ml) and N,N-dimethylformamide (8 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water, and extracted with ethyl
15 acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and colorless crystals were obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
20 A mixture of the obtained crystals, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (1.5 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (1.5 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
25 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give 3-[3-butoxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (450 mg, yield 86%). The
30 crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane.
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melting point: 92-93°C.

[0200]

Example 166

A mixture of ethyl 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-
5 (trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (665 mg), 1N aqueous sodium
hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol
(4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was
10 extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
collected by filtration to give 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-
1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-
15 yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid (460 mg, yield 71%). The
crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting
point: 115-116°C.

Example 167

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
20 pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), ethyl 3-(3-
hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (380 mg), tributylphosphine
(650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the
mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
25 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column
chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a
fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium
hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol
30 (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N
Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was
extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried
(MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were
35 collected by filtration to give 3-[5-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-

(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]propanoic acid (430 mg, yield 55%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether-hexane. melting point: 99-100°C.

5 **Example 168**

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenylacetate (345 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
10 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).
15 A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was
20 washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [5-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl]acetic acid (370 mg, yield 49%). The crystals
25 were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 125-126°C.

【0201】

Example 169

To a mixture of 3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (500 mg), methyl 3-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenylacetate (345 mg), tributylphosphine (650 mg) and tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) was added 1,1'-
30 azodicarbonyldipiperidine (810 mg) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was
35 concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column

chromatography, and a colorless oil was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio). A mixture of the obtained oily substance, 1N aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (2 ml), tetrahydrofuran (4 ml) and methanol (4 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours. 1N Hydrochloric acid (2 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The obtained colorless crystals were collected by filtration to give [3-methoxy-5-(3-{3-propyl-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]acetic acid (410 mg, yield 54%). The crystals were recrystallized from isopropyl ether. melting point: 139-140°C.

Example 170

To a mixture of 3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-1-propanol (9.04 g), methyl 3-(2-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (6.42 g), triphenylphosphine (7.51 g) and tetrahydrofuran (150 ml) was added diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (5.79 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and was obtained from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:5, volume ratio), methyl 3-[4-(3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-ethoxyphenyl]propanoate (13.03 g, yield 94%) as a pale-yellow oily substance.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.39 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 2.08 (2H, quintet, J=7.2 Hz), 2.55-2.66 (4H, m), 2.86 (2H, t, J=7.7 Hz), 3.65 (3H, s), 3.93-4.00 (4H, m), 5.35 (2H, s), 6.35 (1H, dd, J=8.3, 2.4 Hz), 6.40 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 7.00 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 7.31-7.49 (5H, m), 7.84 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.91-7.95 (1H, m), 8.22 (1H, s), 8.55-8.57 (1H, m).

Example 171

A mixture of methyl 3-[4-(3-{3-benzyloxy-1-[5-

(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-ethoxyphenyl]propanoate (12.67 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.3 g) and ethanol (150 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by
5 filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give methyl 3-[2-ethoxy-4-(3-{3-hydroxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate as colorless crystals. melting point: 147-148°C.

[0202]

10 Example 172

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (3.00 g), ethyl 3-(3-benzyloxy-4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (2.90 g), tributylphosphine (3.84 g) and tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) was
15 added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (4.80 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (4.14 g, yield 73%) was obtained
20 as a colorless oil from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:4, volume ratio).

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃)δ: 1.22 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.40 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 2.13 (2H, quintet, J=6.9 Hz), 2.57 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz),
25 2.64 (2H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 2.86 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 4.07 (2H, t, J=6.3 Hz), 4.11 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 4.35 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 6.68 (1H, dd, J=8.2, 1.8 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, J=2.0 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 7.27-7.47 (5H, m), 7.80 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.90 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.3 Hz), 8.19 (1H, s), 8.53-
30 8.55 (1H, m).

Example 173

A mixture of ethyl 3-[3-benzyloxy-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (4.14 g), 5% palladium-carbon
35 (0.4 g), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (25 ml) was

stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-3-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (3.25 g, yield 92%) was obtained as colorless crystals from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-chloroform (1:20, volume ratio). melting point: 92-93°C.

Example 174

To a mixture of 3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}-1-propanol (2.69 g), ethyl 3-[2-(benzyloxy)-4-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (2.56 g), tributylphosphine (4.24 ml) and tetrahydrofuran (180 ml) was added 1,1'-azodicarbonyldipiperidine (4.29 g) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 days. The reaction solution was concentrated. The residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, and ethyl 3-[2-(benzyloxy)-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (2.79 g, yield 55%) was obtained as a white solid from a fraction eluted with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:6, volume ratio). The obtained solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate-hexane, colorless crystal. melting point: 80-81°C.

[0203]

Example 175

A mixture of ethyl 3-[2-(benzyloxy)-4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)phenyl]propanoate (2.44 g), 5% palladium-carbon (1.00 g), tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) and ethanol (50 ml) was stirred overnight at room temperature under a hydrogen atmosphere. Palladium-carbon was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated to give ethyl 3-[4-(3-{3-ethoxy-1-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}propoxy)-2-hydroxyphenyl]propanoate (1.63 g, yield 79%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 1.23 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.41 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.01 - 2.12 (2H, m), 2.54 - 2.62 (2H, m), 2.64 - 2.71 (2H, m), 2.77 - 2.84 (2H, m), 3.92 - 3.98 (2H, m), 4.14 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.34 (2H, q, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.40 - 6.48 (2H, m), 6.94 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.50 (1H, s), 7.80 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.86 - 7.92 (1H, m), 8.17 (1H, s), 8.52 - 8.54 (1H, m).

Preparation Example 1 (Production of capsules)

1) Compound of Example 1	30 mg
2) Finely divided cellulose	10 mg
3) Lactose	19 mg
4) Magnesium stearate	1 mg
Total	60 mg

1), 2), 3) and 4) are admixed and filled into a gelatin capsule.

Preparation Example 2 (Production of tablets)

1) Compound of Example 1	30 g
2) Lactose	50 g
3) Corn starch	15 g
4) Carboxymethylcellulose calcium	44 g
5) Magnesium stearate	1 g
1000 tablets	140 g

The whole amounts of 1), 2) and 3) and 30 g of 4) are kneaded together with water and the mixture, after vacuum drying, is granulated. The granular mixture is admixed with 14 g of 4) and 1 g of 5) and the resulting mixture is tableted using a tableting machine, to give 1000 tablets each containing 30 mg of compound of Example 1.

【0205】

【Effect of the Invention】

The compound of the present invention is superior in a hypoglycemic action, a hypolipidemic action, a hypoinsulinemic action, insulin resistance-improving action, insulin

sensitivity enhancing action and retinoid-related receptor function regulating activity, and can be used as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes (e.g., type 1 diabetes mellitus, type 2 diabetes mellitus, gestational diabetes mellitus); an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of hyperlipidemia (e.g., hypertriglyceridemia, hypercholesterolemia, hypo-high-density-lipoproteinemia, postprandial hyperlipemia); an agent for improving insulin resistance; an agent for enhancing insulin sensitivity; an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of impaired glucose tolerance [IGT]; and an agent for preventing progress from impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes mellitus.

【0206】

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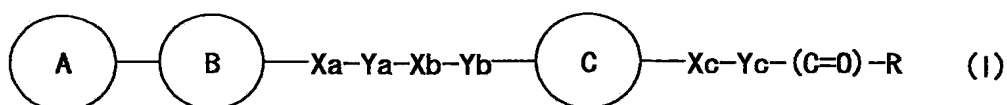
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【Document】 Abstract

【Summary】

【Problem】 Provision of 1,2-azole derivative useful as a drug for the prophylaxis or prevention of diabetes mellitus and the like.

【Solving Means】 A compound represented by the formula



wherein ring A is a ring optionally having 1 to 3
10 substituent(s);
ring B is a 1,2-azole ring which may further have 1 to 3
substituent(s);
Xa, Xb and Xc are the same or different and each is a bond,
-O-, -S- and the like;
15 Ya is a divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20
carbon atom(s);
Yb and Yc are the same or different and each is a bond or a
divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 20 carbon
atom(s);
20 ring C is a monocyclic aromatic ring which may further have 1
to 3 substituent(s); and
R represents -OR⁴ (R⁴ is hydrogen atom or optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group) and the like, or a salt thereof
or a prodrug thereof.

25 【Main Drawing】 None